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READY TO PROBE FORESTRY DISPUTE

Whole Force of Taft Administration Behind The Investigation.

BALLINGER'S LETTER READ

Taft Convinced That it Was Deliberate Move to Discredit the Present Administration — Taken Up In Congress.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Any doubt that the whole force of the Taft administration is to be behind the investigation to be made by both sides of the socalled Ballinger-Pinchot controversy was dispelled by events in and out of Congress today. There is now no question that President Taft himself is as eager for the merciless probing of the whole matter as hitherto he has been reluctant to admit the necessity for it.

A motive much deeper than willingness to do justice to Secretary Ballinger is ascribed to President Taft by Senators, Representatives and others active in politics. Men who are in a position to know the sentiments of Mr. Taft declared tonight that he has at last become convinced of the truth of what his friends have been telling him for many weeks—of what he has hitherto laughed at—that there lies behind the attack on Mr. Ballinger a more or less definitely organized movement to discredit the Taft administration especially by spreading the impression that the so-called "Roosevelt policies" are in unfriendly hands; that Mr. Ballinger was made the target only on the theory that he offered for the present the most vulnerable point in the administration.

He was loath to believe that such a propaganda was underway. Mr. Taft opposed every suggestion from Mr. Ballinger or his friends that attacks upon the land office should be met with a determination to reach and expose those responsible for the attacks upon the secretary and other officials of the Interior Department and the general land office. Though slow to come to a decision it is known that Mr. Taft is now inclined to believe that the criticisms that have cropped out in many widely separated localities are a part of the deliberate determination to make trouble which amounts practically to a conspiracy.

The first step in paving the way for a Congressional investigation was taken today. Senator Flint introduced a resolution in the Senate directing the Attorney General to send to the Senate all of the papers in his possession which related to the case. These papers include the report of L. R. Glavis, the dismissed special agent of the general land office, who sought to connect Mr. Ballinger with the Counningham coal land cases in a manner reflecting upon his integrity. These records are the ones on which the President based his exoneration of his Secretary of the Interior.

The Flint resolution was adopted and some time later it was learned that it had been drafted by Attorney General Wickersham and that it was one of the matters considered at the White House conference yesterday when the Attorney General, Mr. Ballinger, and Postmaster General Hitchcock discussed with the President the advisability of a Congressional investigation. This knowledge led to the thought by Senators that these records may be far more extensive than generally supposed.

Ballinger's Letter.

Adoption of the Flint resolution was followed by the presentation by Senator Jones, of Washington, of a letter from Secretary Ballinger urging an inquiry into the matter.

It says in part: "Any investigation by Congress of the Interior Department or of any of its officers should be sufficiently broad and far reaching to put at rest the suspicion criticisms and representations of corrupt or improper practices heretofore charged against the present adminstration thereot, and, furthermore, such investigation should embrace the Forest Service, since I have reason to believe that the pernicious activity of certain of its officers has been the source of the inspiration of these charges, and involves in part the common administration of the public domain.

"The best interests of the Interior Department required a broad and thorough going investigation, and I assure you it cannot be made too broad in its scope to suit me and those under me, to have likewise suffered indignities, unjust, I am sure and deliberate misrepresentation of facts that are plain upon the records."

Nelson Head Probing Committee.

Then Mr. Jones gave notice that unless some other Senator did so he would offer a resolution calling for a joint Congressional investigation.

Having opened the channel for a Congressional inquiry the selection of the proper tribunal to hear the evidence for and against both Mr. Ballinger and Chief Forester Pinchot becomes a very imporant question. Attention was given to this subject today. Republican leaders in the Senate have practically agreed that Senator Nelson, chairman of the Committee on Public Lands, should be at the head of the probing body, which probably will be the Senate Committee on Public Lands.

WOMAN SMUGGLERS ARRESTED

Nine Arraigned in New York Charged With "Sleeper Trunk" Frauds. 27 Indictments—Unearth Frauds in Chicago.

New York, Dec. 21.—Twenty-seven modistes involved in the vast "sleeper trunk" smuggling systems, one of the many ramifications of the customs frauds which have been brought to light at this port have been indicted by the Federal grand jury and all probably will be under arrest within 24 hours. Having obtained all the evidence necessary to proceed the government began a general round-up this afternoon with the arrest of nine women and four men. All were arraigned before a United States commissioner and held for trial.

It is alleged that the government was defrauded out of thousands of dollars by means of trunks containing imported finery which were left on steamship piers and secretly removed later.

Arrests in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Federal officials today took into custody a number of persons who are charged with complicity in a conspiracy to smuggle expensive gowns and dry goods into this country, two women in Chicago being taken into custody on a charge of having a part in a conspiracy to defraud the government. The conspirators are said to have already succeeded in smuggling across the line more than $2,000,000 worth of dutiable goods.

Those in the conspiracy are said to number 26. All of them have been indicted by the Federal grand jury in New York. The arrests in Chicago were made on warrants sworn out by the assistant district attorney, A. I. Smith, of New York, who petitioned for their removal to New York. The women who were placed under $10,000 bonds by United States Commissioner Buell, are Mary L. Weber, also known as Madam Whitney, proprietress of a fashionable establishment in Chicago, and Katheryn Schwarz.

The dress makers arrested in Chicago, it is alleged by government officers, are partners in which it is reported to have been a well organized conspiracy to smuggle gowns and dress makers' goods into the United States from France, Great Britain and Belgium.

Madame Whitney and Ktheryn Schwarz were held by Commissioner Buell for a hearing on January 4th. They succeeded in raising $900 in cash and were released to appear tomorrow morning to furnish larger bail.

CONGRESS HAS ADJOURNED.

Session Will be Resumed on January 4th—The Features Yesterday.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Both Houses of Congress today adjourned until January 4th. In the Senate, important initial steps were taken towards a Congressional investigation of the long existing controversy between Secretary Ballinger and Chief Forester Pinchot.

A resolution by Senator Flint, calling for all of the papers bearing upon the case was adopted. Senator Jones read to the Senate a letter from Secretary Ballinger, practically demanding an inquiry which he said he courted and also expressed the belief that any provision should be broad enough to cover the "pernicious activity of officials" in the Forestry Service as well as the alleged basis for any charges against the administration of the Interior Department.

A resolution by Senator Gore naming an investigation committee of eight Senators and eight members of the House and including on that committee several of the so-called "insurgent Senators" was successfully sidetracked by Senator Aldrich, who had it referred to the committee on public lands where it will repose peacefully.

The House was in session but ten minutes. Representative Mann, as chairman of the committee on inter-State and Foreign Commerce, reported his bill for the suppression of the "white slave traffic", and Representative Richardson, of Alabama, filed a minority committee report against the Mann bill for the re-organization of the government of the Isthmus of Panama.

CAPTURED ANOTHER STILL.

Sheriff Watson, of Cumberland, makes it 32—Rector is Called.

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 21.—Not counting ten stands and stills, where the remainder of the outfit had been hastily removed just prior to the arrival of the officers, Sheriff Watson and Officers Pate and Jones last night in the middle of Rick Fish swamp, near Strickland's bridge, in this county, captured their 32nd whiskey still. The outfit was the largest thus far destroyed and was of 125 gallons capacity, made of copper with all the latest devices known to the "art." About 600 gallons of beer, still warm from the operation of the still the day before, was poured out but all the liquor had been removed. Fifteen large fermenters were left on the spot. The still is said to have been a model of neatness.

Through the Atlanta Georgian comes news that the vestry of St. John's Episcopal church, of this city, has called as rector to succeed Rev. I. W. Hughes, the Rev. Chas. Noyes Tyndell, of Marietta, Ga., who has been with that parish two years and is exeeedingly popular. He is expected to give the parish here an answer as to his acceptance about the first of January.

REBELS DEFEATED ZELAYA'S TROOPS

Won a Complete Victory Over Government Forces in Nicaragua.

SURRENDER IS EXPECTED

Estrada is Confident of Defeating Enemy—Large Number of Soldiers Killed and Captured—Madriz Inaugurated.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Zelaya's troops were routed by the Nicaragua revolutionists today in a fierce battle at Rama lasting several hours, according to advices received here this afternoon. General Estrada in command of the revolutionary army, is reported to have been successful all along the line.

The battle is to be renewed tomorrow, the advices declare, and the Estrada army will bend all efforts to compel the unconditional surrender of the government forces.

There is some doubt as to the exact extent of Estrada's victory. From revolutionary sources the word is sent that the victory over the Zelaya troops is "complete". The State Department has received word from Thomas H. Moffatt, U. S. Consul at Bluefields, that Estrada had "partially routed and defeated the forces of Zelaya."

It is agreed, however, that the moral effect of such initial success on the part of the revolutionists can hardly be exaggerated.

The first announcement of the success of the Estrada arms came in a cablegram to Dr. Castrillo, the representative here of the provisional government. It was signed "Diaz". Diaz is Secretary of State of the provisional government.

The cablegram said: "Complete victory is ours. Zelaya's troops are in retreat."

Later this evening the State Department gave out the following message from Consul Moffat, from Colon:

"Estrada forces at Tatumbla and Recreo, New Rama, commanded by General Mena at the former place and General Charamo Mattui and Formos Diaz, at the latter place, partially routed and defeated the forces of Zelaya after desperate fighting of several hours. The Zelayan forces were commanded by General Gonzales. A great many were killed, the number being unknown; 100 were wounded and 150 prisoners were taken by the revolutionists. The Zelayan troops at Recreo have occupied what has been considered a strong position. Estrada is confident of defeating the enemy when he renews the attack tomorrow and offering their surrender."

The Clash Expected.

The clash between the two armies was not unexpected here. For days on end they have been lying practically idle in their trenches around Rama, skirmishes only marring the peace that brooded over that section. Estrada played a waiting game in the hope that the Zelayan commanders would take the initiative and attempt the capture of his position which was reported to be very strong. Furthermore, with the waning of President Zelaya's star, he expected a large number of accessions from the Zelayan army.

When Zelaya abdicated and practically dictated the election of Dr. Madriz as his successor, Estrada, according to his diplomatic friends here, determined to strike. Accordingly he moved his army forward early today and took the field actively against his enemy. Dr. Castrillo and his friends look forward confidently to the receipt tomorrow of word of a complete victory and the beginning of the march of the victorious army on the capital.

None of the officials of the State Department tonight would discuss the reported victory of Estrada. It is known, however, that the news was not unwelcome. Had the Zelayan army won over Estrada this government would have been in a somewhat embarrassing position, having espoused openly to the cause of the provisional government.

In Central American diplomatic circles the word brought joy, and there was a general celebration tonight. The diplomats join in the prediction that this first victory is the "beginning of the end" of Zelayaism, and that the next step will be to force the retirement of President Madriz, on the ground that he is the tool of Zelaya and not the real choice of the country.

Inaugurated New President.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 21.—The United States consulate today received a plea for protection for Americans at Granada. The petition signed by many prominent residents, including several United States citizens, asked that United States marines be disembarked at Corinto immediately and sent to Granada to defend threatened interests there. Granada is one of President Madriz's strongholds. Jose Madriz was inaugurated today as President of Nicaragua. The ceremony was held at the palace instead of at the parliament building.

Zelaya Spoke.

Zelaya made a brief speech saying, "I entreat the Nicaraguans to rally to the support of President Madriz, who

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URGE CHANGES IN RAILROAD LAWS

Annual Report of Inter-State Commerce Commission to Congress.

GOOD YEAR FOR RAILROADS

Operating Expenses Reduced and Earnings Increased—Want Some Form of Federal Control. Statement of Statistics.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Vigorous recommendations for changes in the present laws regulating transportation companies are contained in the 23rd annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission transmitted today to Congress.

Notwithstanding the recommendations made, however, the report, in this respect, is notable rather for what it does not, than for what it does, contain. Five of the suggestions made by the special committee selected by President Taft to draft changes in the existing interstate commerce act are offered in the report. It is known that the Commission, as a body, favors the plans proposed by that committee; but, as a matter of courtesy, it has refrained, in its report, from discussing the changes in advance of the special message on the subject which President Taft has indicated he will send to the Congress.

The Commission expresses its conviction that certain amendments to present laws are necessary to enable it fully to accomplish the purposes of Congress. Briefly summarized, the proposed amendments are as follows:

That a physical valuation be made of the interstate railroads of the country. The Commission points to the difficulty experienced in certain cases where its orders are attacked in court in meeting the testimony as to physical value offered by the carriers, and says that if its rates are to be defended, some method must be furnished by which a value can be established which shall be binding on the courts and the Commission.

The Commission again suggests that it be given power to prevent advances in rates or changes in regulations or practices to the disadvantage of the shipper, pending an investigation into the reasonableness of the proposed change. It is stated that where a rate has been in effect for years it is presumably reasonable and that there would be no hardship on the carrier in giving the Commission authority to require continuance of the rate until opportunity had been afforded to investigate the proposed advance.

The Commission's authority to establish a joint rate and through route is limited to cases where no such route exists, and the Commission recommends that this limitation be stricken out of the law, so that it may establish a through route wherever, upon investigation, it is found that the public necessity and convenience require such action. A further recommendation is to the effect that in certain instances the shipper be permitted to direct the intermediate routing of his traffic. It is further requested that the law be so amended as to give the Commission undoubted authority to enter a corrective order as the result of an investigation instituted by the Commission upon its own motion

Want Federal Control.

The Commission again calls to the attention of Congress the increasing importance of some form of Federal control over railway capitalization and expresses the opinion that adequate legislation upon this subject is required by the interests involved.

The annual reports to the Commission from the carriers show that for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1908,

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OUTLINES.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook's records were declared to be insufficient to prove him the discoverer of the North Pole by the committee at the University of Copenhagen. The findings of the committee was a crushing blow to the friends of the explorer——The revolutionary troops in command of Gen. Estrada won a complete victory over Zelaya's troops in Nicaragua yesterday. The surrender of the government's troops is expected——The force of the whole Taft administartion will be behind the probing of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy. President Taft is convinced that the attack was an organized movement against the present administration——The annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in which there are vigorous recommendations for changes in railroad laws, was submitted to Congress yesterday——Nine women were among those arrested in New York yesterday charged with "sleeper trunk" smuggling——The price of cotton reached a new high record on the New York market yesterday.——New York markets: Money on call firm 4 to 5 per cent., ruling rate and closing bid 4 7-8. Cotton spot closed quiet, 20 points higher, middling uplands 15.40, middling gulf 15.65. Flour steady. Wheat spot easy No. 2 red 1.28 to 1.30 elevator domestic, and 1.29 f.o.b. afloat. Corn spot steady, No. 2, 71 elevator domestic, 71 1-2 delivered and 69 1-2 f.o.b. afloat nominal. Oats spot firm, mixed 47. Turpentine and rosin quiet.

NEGROES PLANNED ATTACK ON TOWN

Troops Patrol Streets of Magnolia, Ala., to Quell Excitement.

BOLD THREATS OF REVENGE

Thirty-three Negroes Corralled in Improvised Stockade—White Men Were Prepared for Them. Would Burn and Kill.

Magnolia, Ala., Dec. 21.—With State troops and armed deputies patrolling the streets and public roads leading into the town and with 33 of the negro ring leaders corralled in an improvised stockade the threatened race war is believed tonight to have been averted.

Excitement, however, has not been altogether allayed and tonight every white man's house in Magnolia and for several miles around is guarded against threatened revengeful acts on the part of negroes, who resent the burning yesterday of Clint Montgomery, one of the four negro desperadoes, brothers charged with the killing Saturday night of Algernon Lewis.

This section for miles around was stirred this morning by reports that the negroes were planning to attack the town tonight, burn the residences and murder every white person they could find. The reports were apparently well founded and by 3 o'clock this afternoon Magnolia was filled with armed white men and a serious clash with the negroes was imminent. Doubtless the arrival of the 75 soldiers here at 6 o'clock prevented bloodshed. Several of the negroes connected with the alleged plot to burn the town had already been aprehended and only the cooler heads among the citizens and Sheriff Grant and 75 armed deputies prevented summary vengeance being meted out to them before the Selma troops reached here. The officers ascert that they have matters well in hand tonight.

Last night Sam Shields, a relative of Tom Shields, one of the four white men, shot by Clint Montgomery yesterday, reported that he overheard a number of negroes plotting a systematic attack upon the whites.

There was a large gathering of the negroes at a house there and Mr. Shields says they planned to go from house to house in Magnolia applying the torch and killing the occupants as they made escape from the flames. Runners were sent out after midnight conveying this information to the whites.

It was learned that for several weeks past the negroes have been purchasing fire arms and this added color to the reports that they were planning a combined attack upon the whites.

A visit was made today to the home of Dick Montgomery, father of the four brothers, whose acts led up to the present strained relations, but he was not found. He is prominent in negro secret societies and the report spread this afternoon that he was rounding up members of his lodges in the outlying country for the purpose of making a determined attack upon the whites.

Tonight a report reached here that a white man had been shot and fatally wounded by negroes, but it could not be verified.

The 33 negroes who tonight are held in a guarded store building here will tomorrow be taken to the county jail at Linden. Other arrests of negroes are expected to be made tonight.

ROCKY MOUNT AFFAIRS.

Tobacco Board of Trade in Annual Banquet—An Arrest.

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 21.—To night the Tobacco Board of Trade in this city will hold forth in its annual social session, when an oyster roast will be given at the Imperial Tobacco factory. There are about 50 members of the organizations and these with their lady friends will make up a large attendance. As it has been in the past, so it will be tonight and good fellowship will reign supreme.

On Saturday night the blacksmith shop of Mr. J. W. Farmer, on Sunset avenue, was broken into and yesterday afternoon a young white man, Allen Culpepper, by name was lodged in jail upon the charge. The evidence is pretty conclusive against the young man as the articles stolen were identified by the loser and they were later found in the belongings of the young man after a search warran had been taken out to get them.

UPHOLD TEN-HOUR LAW.

Supreme Court Decided Against the Danville Knitting Mills.

Danville, Va., Dec. 21.—A unique point in the construction of Virginia's ten hour labor law will be tested by the Supreme Court as the result of the conviction here of the Danville Knitting Mills for working ten and a half hours per day.

The mills operate ten and a half hours per day for five days, but only seven and a half hours on Saturday. Formerly they operated ten hours for each of the six working days, but upon the petition of the employes a half hour was added to each of the first five days in the week that they might have a half holiday on Saturday.

DAY'S DOINGS IN RALEIGH

Agricultural Expositions—Question of Admission of Children Into Schools —Station Agent Fined For Assault— Other Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 21.—State Auditor Dixon is commissioned a member of a board of six directors for the United States Agricultural and Industrial Exposition Co., Inc., which is to be the next great exposition of National scope in this country. Dr. Dixon says that applications are coming in from New York, Chicago, St. Louis and others of the larger cities for the exposition to be held in these cities respectively.

K. R. Hoyle, of Sanford, and H. E. Norris, of Raleigh, spent the day at Lillington where they were counsel for the petitioners in a notable contest for the admission of children to the public schools who were charged with having a strain of negro blood. They were the two children of I. K. Fort. The district school committee had excluded the two children on the ground that their great grandfather was a negro. Fort took appeal to the county board of education, claiming that his grandfather was not a negro, but a Portugese. The county board reversed the order of the district committee and ordered the children back in the school.

A charter is issued for the J. T. Biggs Co., Lumberton, capital $25,000 authorized and $10,000 subscribed by J. T. Biggs, Dennis Biggs and others.

Barney Fish, station agent at Mc Culler's, this county, on the Raleigh & Southport railroad, was tried before Justice of the Peace Upchurch today on the charge of whipping a small boy and he was fined $50. It appeared from the investigation that a number of small boys were playing about the station and Fish had joined in their romping. However, he put down the stump of a cigar on the edge of a box while engaged in some special work and the boy ran up, seized the stump and threw it out of the window. Fish is alleged to have chased the boy for a hundred yards and lashed him with a buggy whip.

There will be no further opinions in pending appeals by the Supreme Court until Thursday when it is expected that there will be a good big batch. Thereafter the court will take recess for the Christmas holidays, or it may adjourn for the term as is the usual practice. However, this is hardly probable since there are an unusually large number of cases, opinions in which are yet to be written. Several times in the past there have been simply recesses for the holidays, the judges coming back right after the holidays to complete their work instead of letting the "left-overs" go over to the February term.

THRONGS AT BRUSSELS.

Thousands to Attend the Funeral of King Leopold—The Palace.

Brussels, Dec. 21.—Throngs of people are arriving here from all parts of Belgium and points outside to attend the funeral of the late King Leopold and the accession of Albert, which are expected to be imposing spectacles. The demand for cards of admission to the church and Parliament exceeds the supply by many thousands, while a small army of foreign newspaper representatives are vainly clamoring for journalistic privileges.

The foreign princes, mission and delegations have reached here. Prince Albert personally met the Duke of Connaught, Prince Henry, of Prussia, and Prince Ferdinand, of Roumania.

An extraordinary feature at the palace is the wealth of floral offerings from all parts of the world. The grand stair case and halls have been transformed into exquisite flower gardens. Princess Louise, carrying a bunch of orchids, today visited and prayed long beside the coffin of her father.

There is a rumor tonight that the stock company to which the King turned over most of his private property is about to dissolve, on the ground that its omen was illegal. It is authoritatively stated, however, that this rumor is unfounded and that the company will continue to exist and will contest to the end the suits brought by Princess Louise and Princess Stephanie.

SISTERS AWAIT EXTRADITION.

Two Will be Carried to New Jersey to Answer Murder Charge.

New York, Dec. 21.—The Essex county grand jury met at East Orange, N. J., today to determine if the evidence submitted by Prosecutor Mott was sufficient to justify them in handing down indictments against Mrs. Mary Snead, and her sisters, Miss Virginia Wardlaw, and Mrs. Caroline W. Wardlaw, charging them with the murder of Miss Ocey Snead.

Miss Wardlaw is under arrest in East Orange and her two sisters are held here in the tombs, pending the issue of extradition papers application for which has already been made.

Mrs. Martin was disappointed. Confident that no indictments would be found, she had made preparations. "I presented all my case that was necessary," was the prosecution's only comment when he left the jury room.

From the fact that several of his witnesses were not examined this reply was construed to mean that a prima facie case had been readily made out.

DR. COOK FAILED TO PROVE CLAIM

Decision of The University of Copenhagen Adverse to Explorer.

ENDS POLAR CONTROVERSY

University Committee Branded Him An Imposter—Harsh Words and Crushing Statement—No Trouble With False Records.

Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—The report of the special committee of scientists, which the University of Copenhagen appointed to scrutinize Dr. Frederick A. Cook's claims that he had discovered the North Pole, was submitted to the consistory of the University this morning, endorsed by that body, and given to the public.

The report shatters completely, almost contemptuously, the American explorer's title to such discovery, and fills the officials and people of Denmark with chagrin at the figure Denmark is made to assume in the eyes of the scientific world. The public was prepared for a verdict of "not proven," but did not expect its recent hero to be branded as an imposter. Many still cling to the belief that Cook acted in good faith, but harbored a delusion.

Explorers and scientists almost unanimously have lost faith in Cook's honesty, while one of his warmest supporters, Knud Rasmussen, the explorer helped to frame the report. The evening papers attack Cook and severely reproach him for hiding, which they regard as a sign of a guilty conscience.

The rector of the University, Dr. Salomonsen, when questioned as to the possibility of the University cancelling the degree which it conferred on Dr. Cook, said that no decision had been reached, but he thought that the degree could be withdrawn in the way as the government could deprive a person of an order obtained under false pretenses.

Cook A Swindler.

Commodore Gastav Holm, the Arctic explorer and a member of the committee, said:

"Cook's claim that he made the observation 89 degrees 59 minutes 46 seconds near the pole proved immediately that he was a bad observer, but nothing indicated that he was a swindler. Now his papers convict him of being a swindler. We examined Cook's observations first and agreed unanimously that they were worthless. It is not unlikely that Loose made the observations. He is a clever man, just the sort that Cook could use."

Unreliable As Explorer.

Prof. Oluensen, secretary of the Danish Geographical Society, said: "It is the saddest event in my life. As an explorer there seems to be no doubt that Cook is absolutely unreliable."

The committee appointed by the University to examine Cook's records recently presented its report to the consistory of the University which reviewed the deductions of the experts with the greatest care and discussed the findings from every standpoint. That both the committee and the consistory were disappointed was soon known.

The consistory met today and adopted a written report to the effect that the alleged records submitted for examination by Dr. Cook failed to prove his claim that he had reached the North Pole.

Committee's Findings.

After obtaining all available information the committee finds as follows:

First, The report of the expedition sent to the University by Dr. Cook is the same as that printed in the New York Herald during the months of September and October last.

Second. The copy of Cook's note books does not contain any original astronomical observations whatsoever, but only results.

Third. The documents presented are inexcusably lacking in information which would prove that the astronomical observations therein referred to were really made and also contain no details regarding the practical work of the expedition and the sledge journey which would enable the committee to determine their reliability.

The committee therefore is of the opinion that the material transmitted for examination contains no proof that Dr. Cook reached the pole.

The report is signed by all the members of the committee, which was composed of the following: Prof. Elis Stromgen, director of the Astronomical Observatory; Dr. C. F. Pechule, astronomer, attached to the observatory; Mustav Helm, explorer; Prof. A. B. Yonson, president of the school of navigation; Dr. Reyder, director of the Meteorological office, and Dr. F. A. Engstrom, director of the Lund Observatory.

Council's Statement.

The University Council issued this statement: "The documents handed the University for examination do not contain observations and information which can be regarded as proof that Dr. Cook reached the North Pole on his recent expedition."

The public is unable to comprehend why Cook sent his papers when he

admits in the letter presented to Prof. Torp, former rector of the University of Copenhagen, by his secretary, Walter Londsdale, that "it seems unwise and impossible to give final judgment because of the absence of the instruments and observations which I left at Elap."

Committee Very Angry.

The members of the examining committee are very angry over the doctor's behavior. Prof. Stromgen, president of the committee, is furious and tonight characterized Cook's treatment of the University as "shameless."

Inquiry as to whether the committee would undertake a further examination in the event of Cook sending for the instruments and observations which are supposed to be at Elap developed that a majority of the members were not disposed to waste any more time in the matter.

Documents Examined.

The documents handed the commission of the University of Copenhagen for examination are:

First, A typewritten report prepared by Cook's secretary, Walter Lonsdale and covering 61 pages of foolscap.

Second, A typewritten copy made by Lonsdale from Cook's note books This occupies 16 pages of foolscap and includes a description of the expedition during the period from March 18th, 1908, to June 14th, 1908, during which according to the statement Cook journeyed from Svartevog to the North Pole, and returned to a point on the Polar ice not specifically indicated, but west of the Axel Heiberg Land. The papers were not accompanied by a private letter from Cook but Secretary Lonsdale stated verbally to the committee that the original books and notes of the explorer from which his copies were made, had been sent to Europe by another route, as a precautionary measure and would be delivered to the University in the course of a few days.

In presenting the data Lonsdale stated explicitly and repeatedly that copy numbered two, was a complete and accurate duplicate of the information contained in all of Cook's note books that could be of any importance to the University for the purposes of this examination. In spite of the explorer's promise and his secretary's assurance that they would be forthcoming, the commission is not yet in the possession of the original note books and diaries.

Cook Still Lost.

Up to this time it has been impossible for the University authorities to re-establish communication with Dr. Cook which was suspended some time ago. The explorer's address is not known here or even to Secretary Londsdale.

After the members of the examining committee have made themselves acquainted individually with the material delivered and so convinced themselves of its utter worthlessness as a means of determining whether Cook reached the pole, the president of the committee, Prof. Stromgen, called a general meeting of the committee for last Friday when the report to the University and which is now made public was drawn up. Lonsdale, who had been invited to this meeting to answer some questions, brought with him a letter which he had received from Cook, which bore neither the place nor date of its writing. The opened envelope, however, bore the postmark Marseilles, December 14th, 1909. The same envelope contained a letter addressed by Cook to Prof. Torp. The letter to Torp was dated New York, September 27th, 1909.

Peary Sounded Warning.

Washington, Dec. 21.—"Three months ago from the Labrador coast I sounded an explicit and deliberately worded warning to the world, based upon complete and accurate information in regard to the Cook claims. In doing so I accepted the responsibility devolving upon me and fulfilled my duty to myself and to the world."

Commander Robert E. Peary today thus pointedly expressed his sentiments regarding the failure of the University of Copenhagen to find any proof of the discovery of the North Pole by Dr. Cook.

Far from showing any delight over the news from Copenhagen, it was evident, however, that the explorer received the news with satisfaction.

"I have known the outcome since weeks before I reached this country on my return from the pole. It was not a matter of belief with me but of absolute knowledge.

"However, I shall not discuss this matter in detail for publication. It is not necessary.

"The warning which I sent to the country before I landed is still sufficent. You remember my cablegram from Battle Harbor. Here is the exact wording of it: "Cook has not been to the pole April 21st, 1908, or any other date. He has simply handed the public a gold brick."

With this Commander Peary declined further to discuss Dr. Cook or his affairs and it was evident that he regarded the whole controversy as ended.

"It's time," the terse comment of one of those officials, who investigated closely the Arctic claims of Peary and Cook was an ejaculation that aptly expressed the feeling of practically all the officials or the National Geographic Society. All along the officers of the organization represented different lines of scientific research have believed that the result of the deliberations of the Copenhagen institution would be as stated.

Will Continue Investigation.

Prof. Willis L. Moore, president of the society, said today:

"Our own committee, will continue its work so that its report may be complete and contain a full history of the discovery of the pole. We hope that the report will be so fair and impartial, that the world may understand in all its details the controversy respecting the discovery which has arisen."

The sub Committee of the National Geographic Society charged with the duty of taking up Cook's claim requested him to turn over to that sub committee his records as soon as their examination had been completed by the Copenhagen University, but so far no answer has been received from Cook. "We do not want to detract from the force and value of our verdict when we finally give it," declared Dr. Hayes, a member of the committee today. "We shall make every effort to see Dr. Cook's records."

"We shall not be biased in any way by the Copenhagen verdict," continued Dr. Hayes, "in the prosecution of our inquiries. We will give Dr. Cook every possible chance, every reasonable opportunity."

"All the evidence in the case of Dr. Cook pointed only in one direction—the conclusion that Copenhagen has reached," declared Prof. Henry Gannett, one of the officials of the Geographic Society "The news is extremely gratifying and exactly what everybody has expected."

A Crushing Statement.

Christiana, Dec. 21.—"Nobody could feel more sorrow at the commission's crushing statement than myself for I had learned to appreciate Cook as a devoted friend and an honest man," said Capt. Roald Amundsen today with much feeling. "The important question now is whether he is a swindler or merely ignorant I prefer to believe that Dr. Cook was more confident himself that he had arrived at the North Pole. This must have been a fixed idea with him. If he is a swindler he must have changed his character in the past ten years."

Ends Notable Controversy.

New York, Dec. 21.—Thus ends one of the most fascinating chapters in all the romance of exploration. Honored by the King of Denmark, heralded by the University of Copenhagen, garlanded with wreaths of roses by young girls, accorded the freedom of the City of New York, and acclaimed by thousands for the length and breadth of the land as the bravest man who ever dared the silent terrors of the Arctic, Dr. Frederick A. Cook stands tonight discredited in the house of his friends. Not a word from him in defense or explanation. Nothing but disavowals from his partisans in the controversy that has raged about him ever since he first flashed word from Lerwick in the Shetland Islands to his wife: "Sucessful, well, address Copenhagen."

Even that address tonight is lacking. Only his brother still stands stubbornly by him, refusing to believe that the verdict of the University of Copenhagen has been correctly reported.

Interest tonight turns to three questions:

"Where is the doctor? What will he have to say for himself? What will he do with himself?"

Charles Wake, a close friend and Dr. Cook's brother in Brooklyn is at Christiasend. Norway, with his wife, but that the children are at school in this country.

A friend who had opportunity to see a private letter from Dr. Cook to the rector of the University of Copenhagen, says that the doctor then wrote that, in the event of an adverse decision he would take no appeal to the other scientific tribunal of the world

One of the party who made the trip with Dr. Cook to Hamilton, Montana, where he had a dubious meeting with the guide Barrill ,who denied that the doctor had ever completed the ascent of Mount McKinley, said today:

"On the way back to the east I asked the doctor what he would do if the University of Copenhagen found against him."

"I haven't thought of that," answered the doctor.

"But you must think of it," said the friends.

"Well," answered the doctor, "if the University should find against me, I believe I should go back among the Eskimos of Southern Greenland and try to carry on there such a medical mission as Dr. Grenfell has made famous."

Henry Wellington Wack, Dr. Cook's lawyer, and the friend who is the authority for the statement above, were both asked tonight how much money they thought Dr. Cook had made from the sale of his narrative to newspapers in this country and abroad, and from his lectures.

"More than $80,000," said Mr. Wack. "More than $100,000," said the friend. Both agreed that should the doctor elect to spend the remainder of his days in retirement he has thus far chosen, he need never want for comfort.

The board of aldermen who voted Dr. Cook the freedom of the city on his return to this country have now before them a resolution introduced today to withdraw their grant.

STEAMER BURNED AND SANK.

Destroyed at Her Pier in South Brooklyn—Loss $150,000.

New York, Dec. 21.—Fire which started tonight in the after-hold of the steamship Harry Luckenbach, of the Insular Line, sunk the steamer and her cargo of 45,000 bags of sugar at her pier in South Brooklyn. The damage is estimated at between $150,000 and $175,000.

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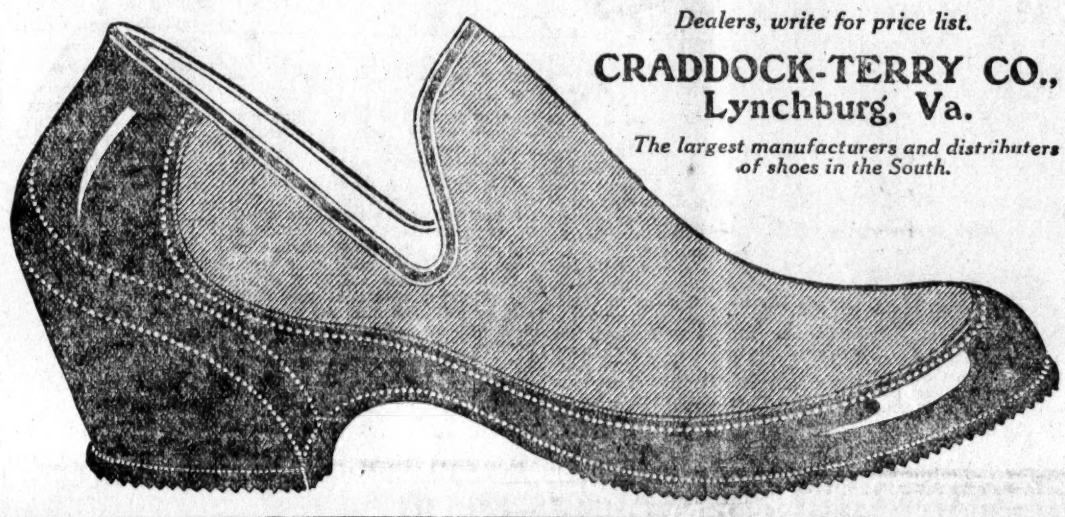

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THE STATE IN EPITOME

¶News, Comment and Incidents as Reflected in North Carolina. : : : : : : : : : :

Bitten by Supposed Mad Dog.

Greensboro News: A white and brown spotted bird dog, supposed to have been mad, bit a small child of Dr. J. T. Rivers early yesterday morning, and despite the fact that officers searched for the dog all day, the animal had not been found late in the afternoon. Dr. Rieves believes the dog was mad and if he cannot be found and examined the child will be sent to the Pasteur Institute for treatment.

SHEMWELL IN STATE.

Reprieved on Ground of Sickness at Hot Springs, Flaunts Himself.

(News and Observer.)

Baxter Shemwell, with a bond forfeited for non-appearance at Guilford county Superior court, whose reprieve by Governor Kitchin until April first keeps him from beginning his service on the roads until that date, the sentence being for pulling his pistol on a Southern Railway conductor and threatening his life, was on Saturday on the streets of Salisbury and Lexington, in apparent good health, hale and hearty.

Shemwell was granted a reprieve last Friday by Governor Kitchin because of alleged rheumatism and its being treated as an acute attack in Hot Springs, Arkansas. It was supposed that the man was under the care of physicians at Hot Springs for the treatment of acute rheumatism and neurasthenia, but on top of this has come another development.

Baxter Shemwell, in order to have been in Salisbury and Lexington on Saturday, must have left Hot Springs on Thursday or Friday. The information of Governor Kitchin was that he was at Hot Springs being treated for rheumatism. Then there is an immediate appearance of Shemwell in North Carolina, at Salisbury and Lexington, apparently hale and hearty. With his appearance in Salisbury and Lexington on Saurday, it seems that he could have been present at Guilford court during the week, having been cited to appear there.

It would appear that Governor Kitchin supposed him to be in Arkansas, for in giving his reasons for the reprieve of Shemwell from the roads of Guilford county till the first of April, Governor Kitchin, on Thursday December 16th, said: "Prisoner is at Hot Springs, Arkansas, for treatment for rheumatism." On Saturday, not two days later in time, Baxter Shemwell was in Salisbury and Lexington, apparently hale and hearty, going about as usual when looking after business affairs. Hot Springs is a fashionable place, and there is a happy time there, albeit there be present visitors with rheumatism, either with or without jail sentence, but despite its attractions, before the ink has had an opportunity to dry on the Governor's signature on the reprieve, Shemwell is back in North Carolina, hale and hearty. As long as a jail sentence or a term on the roads was above his head he was out of the State. That removed for a time, he is back in North Carolina.

The physicians' certificates presented to Governor Kitchin are to the effect that at any time imprisonment will not do for Baxter Shemwell, these having been presented when a commutation from imprisonment to a fine was asked for Shemwell. On top of these Mr. Dermot Shemwell, son of Baxter Shemwell, in an affidavit to Governor Kitchin on the 11th of December, said that "his father is now taking such treatment at Hot Springs." On the 16th of December, the evening before the reprieve was granted, Mr. Dermot Shemwell made affidavit, "that the said Baxter Shemwell is at the present time at Hot Springs, Ark., undergoing treatment for rheumatism. A day after this affidavit reaches Raleigh Baxter Shemwell is seen on the streets of Salisbury and Lexington, and is reported as appearing as hale and hearty as he ever did.

The certificates of North Carolina physicians, one a brother-in-law of Baxter Shemwell, and the affidavit of a physician at Hot Springs, presented to Governor Kitchin in the Shemwell case speak of Shemwell being affected with rheumatism, but give no statement as to any aggravated attack at this time, the statement as to this being general and that imprisonment at any time would be dangerous to him and would jeopardize his life.

POWER CO. NOT A "TRUST."

Though Charlotte Situation Looks as Though It May Become One.

(Charlotte Observer.)

Something of a stir has been created in the city through reports that the Southern Power Company would on January 1 notably increase its charges for electric lights and from such facts as were obtained from letters to individual consumers, the report grew into a rumor that a coalition had been brought about between the Southern Power Company and the Charlotte Electric Railway, Light and Power Company by which the latter would secure the entire retail trade of the city. Officials of the 4 C's, however, strongly deny that there is any truth in these statements.

What will eventually happen along this line remains for the future to unfold. The Southern Power Company is a tremendous concern and does business on a big scale. It caters more especially to the wholesale trade, but has been doing a retail business in Charlotte. It was easy for some who have their eyes continually fastened on these two companies to suspect that the Southern Power Company would at some time come to terms with President Latta of the 4 C's whereby the power generated by the former concern would be wholesaled to the latter company and retailed by it to the city consumers.

Such a combination may be brought about in the time to come but it is strenuously denied that there is at present any movement being made looking to such a coalition. It seems a natural supposition that this course would be more satisfactory to both companies. The Southern Power Company with its unlimited capital and more unlimited hydro-electric energy from its many plants on the Catawba and Broad rivers is far better equipped and prepared to furnish electric power in great quantities than the 4 C's. The latter concern has its plant in Dilworth whereby it generates electricity by means of gas engines, but this source of supply is no wise comparable with the amount of production with that of the Southern Power Company.

It stands to reason, too, it is argued, that the Southern Power Company would not attempt to drive Mr. Latta's company from the local field in which it was born and has thrived for several years. The policy of the company is not believed to be quite so monopolistic or inimical to the local concern to attempt to usurp its territory entirely. For that reason it has appeared to some that the Southern Power Company would be content to wholesale its electrical power to the 4 C's and allow the latter to retail it to the local consumers, thus giving the former a demand which it may not be able to secure through means of competition and giving the latter a source of electrical supply that will be sufficient for all time to come, without being dependent upon its gas engine insulation process to generate its electricity.

ANOTHER BANK FOR REIDSVILLE

New Enterprise to be Incorporated During Present Week.

(Reidsville Review.)

Articles of incorporation of the Rockingham Savings Bank & Trust Co., have been filed with the Secretary of State this week and the charter for the new enterprise will be issued during the next few days. The State will authorize the establishment of the institution to do commercial banking business, with trust and savings features, and the privilege of issuing capital stock to the amount of $200,000 will be given, $15,000 being subscribed to begin with.

It is known that Mr. Scott Fillman is to be the cashier of the new institution, and the banking quarters will be in the building now occupied by Wonderland Theatre. Work will begin on the remodeling of the quarters the first of January. A vault and fixtures will be added and the plans of the architect provide for improvements which will make a convenient and pretty banking house.

The list of stockholders include some of Reidsville's most successful business men and a number of the most enterprising farmers of Rockingham, Caswell and Guilford counties. As soon as the charter is received a meeting of the stockholders will be held and the board of directors will be elected. The directors will in turn name the officers of the enterprise.

Both of the other well known banking enterprises began business with a capital stock not exceeding what has already been subscribed for the new enterprise and their growth and prosperity has been phenomenal. The new bank will be splendidly manned by well equipped officers and its promoters and friends are anticipating that it will soon start off when its doors are opened about February 1st, with a good line of deposits.

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TEACHERS' TRAINING SCHOOL.

Live Items of News, General and Social From the Institution.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greenville, N. C., Dec. 21.—Messrs. Gideon, Johnson and Ross, of Philadelphia are guests of President Wright. They came for a few days' recreation with dog and gun and are bagging a good deal of game.

At a recent meeting of the Greenville Music Club, Miss Annie Lee Davis and Miss Bishop, teachers of music in the E. C. T. T. S., played and Prof. Austin sang.

Saturday evenings the young ladies and young men give themselves up wholly to social enjoyment. Sometimes there is a special programme of amusement. More frequently there is a genral frolic consisting of games and singing.

The Xmas spirit is in the air. Holiday is from December 23rd to January 4th inclusive. The entire student body and faculty will leave and the buildings will be closed.——Each Sunday afternoon a song service is held in the Assembly Hall.

Miss Olooah Burner, State Student Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., spent four days with us recently encouraging and assisting in this work. The social as well as instructive feature of her visit was enjoyable.——Electric lights are at last on in full blast.——Prof. C. W. Wilson recently delivered an address before the Baraca and Philathea classes of the Baptist church in Winterville.

At the December meeting of the Pitt County Teachers' Association two members of the faculty of the E. C. T. T. S. were on the programme: Miss Graham read a paper on "Characteristics of the Recitation," and Prof. C. W. Wilson one on "The Indictments Against the Recitation."

A Policeman's Testimony.

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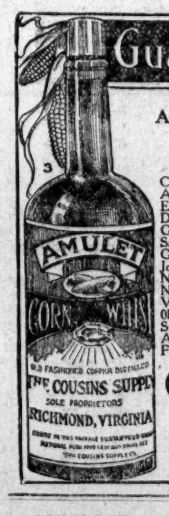

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Lv	Lynchburg	2:30 p.m.	2:13 a.m.
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The Murchison National Bank

of Wilmington, N. C.
at the close of business, November 16 1909

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	$4,071,642.48
U. S. Bonds (at par)	551,000.00
Bank Building	25,000.00
N. C. State and other Bonds	170,420.50
Cash and Due by Banks	1,408,349.42
	$6,226,412.40

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock	$ 550,000.00
Surplus and Net Profit	351,423.93
Circulation	550,000.00
U. S. Bond Account	100,000 00
Deposits	4,674,988.47
	$6,226,412.40

DEPOSITS.

November 16th, 1907	$2,125,502.71
November 16th, 1908	$3,075,047.52
November 16th, 1909	$4,674,988.47

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Correct to November 14, 1909.

NOTICE.

The arrivals and departure are given as information, as well as connections with other companies; but arrivals and connections are not guaranteed.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48. Daily.	No. 42. Daily.
Lv. Wilmington	8:45 am	7:00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:00 pm	9:55 pm
Ar. Wilson	1:00 pm	10:52 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	2:09 am
Ar. Norfolk	5:55 pm	*8:35 am
Ar. Petersburg	7:05 pm	4:05 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	4:40 am
Ar. Washington	11:50 pm	8:00 am
Ar. Baltimore	1:15 am	9:20 am
Ar. W. Phila.	3:45 am	11:44 pm
Ar. New York	6:30 am	2:00 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41. Daily.	No. 49. Daily.
Lv. New York	3:25 pm	9:25 pm
Lv. W. Phila.	5:44 pm	12:19 am
Lv. Baltimore	8:20 pm	2:46 am
Lv. Washington	10:00 pm	4:20 am
Lv. Norfolk	3:20 pm	8:25 am
Lv. Richmond	1:20 am	8:15 am
Lv. Petersburg	1:55 am	9:13 am
Lv. Weldon	3:40 am	11:35 am
Lv. Rocky Mount	5:00 am	12:50 pm
Lv. Wilson	5:36 am	2:09 pm
Lv. Goldsboro	6:35 am	3:05 pm
Ar. Wilmington	9:30 am	6:10 pm

WEST AND SOUTH.

	51	53	Via Wilson 42
Lv. Wil'ton	6:00 am	3:30 pm	7:00 pm
Ar Flor.	9:25 am	7:25 pm	3:45 am
Ar Col'bia.	1:00 pm	10:45 pm	
Ar Aug'ta.	3:00 pm		
Ar Atl'ta.	8:20 pm		
Ar. Nash.	6:35 am		
Ar Mem.	3:30 pm		
Ar Louv.	1:10 pm		
Ar Con'tl.	4:35 pm		
Ar Chars.	1:36 pm	11:25 pm	:40 am
Ar Savh.	3:56 pm	2:20 am	9:00 am
Ar Jk'ville	8:10 pm	7:.. am	1:20 pm
Ar. Tampa	7:00 am	7:00 pm	10:25 pm

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NORTHBOUND.

	50 Daily.	54 Daily.
Lv. Tampa	9:00 pm	10:30 am
Lv. Jacksonville	7:30 am	7:45 pm
Lv. Savannah	11:40 am	12:15 am
Lv Charleson	4:00 pm	5:10 am
Lv Columbia	4:25 pm	6:00 am
Lv Augusta	2:45 pm	
Lv. Florence	7:58 pm	9:25 am
Ar. Wilmington	11:30 am	1:25 pm

WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

Westbound 53 Daily.		Eastbound. 52 Daily.
8:40 AM	Lv Wilmington Ar	8:05 PM
11:45 AM	Ar Fayetteville Lv	4:50 PM
2:10 PM	Lv Fayetteville Ar	4:45 PM
1:40 PM	Ar Sanford Lv	8:30 PM

WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

Northbound 62		Southbound. 63
Daily except Sunday.		
2:25 PM	Lv Wilmington Ar	12:50 PM
5:17 PM	Ar Jacksonville Lv	10:55 AM
6:44 PM	Ar N & S. Jct Lv	9:35 AM
8:50 PM	Ar Newbern Lv	9:30 AM

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"BOOSTING" PANAMA BONDS.

Government finance is and will remain a riddle to the lay mind, for instance the equation of debt beyond the entire volume of money in a country, and yet the country itself entirely solvent and in good financial standing, nI fact the whole system of credit on which the business of the world is done, its basis in security, seems on investigation to be a fictitious scheme raised on a "confidence" in something ing somewhere, where everybody knows it isn't. Let confidence be destroyed, and prosperity withers in a panic that has no more form or substance than the easy time of wealth immediately preceding it.

With so much, Secretary MacVeagh's policy as to the security which the National banks must offer in consideration of government deposits may be an equitable financial order, but we fail to see it. At present State, city and railroad bonds are acepted by the Government as security. It is now proposed to "strengthen" the Panama Canal 2s by eliminating the first named class of bonds as national bank securities. In future only United States, Philippine, Porto Rican, District of Columbia, Hawaiian, and Philippine Railway bonds will be accepted, the first four at par and the latter at 90 per cen' as security. As there are now some thing over $10,000,000 of State, city and railroad bonds on deposit with the Government, these will be succeeded by the more favored bonds. They will, to an extent, be thrown on the market, while the idea is that a market will be pro tanto created for the favored bonds.

Just how this expedient will operate to make the banks, or anybody else, pay a higher price for the Panama 2s we do not clearly see, except these particular bonds were made the only acceptable security for deposits. Other bonds accepted draw a higher rate of interest, and these bonds will be purchased so long as their price returns a higher rate than the Panama bonds. That being true, if the price of the Panama bonds rises, the rate of interest will, of course, decrease towards zero, and the only effect of the change would seem to be to slightly enhance the premium in the market on other higher rate Government bonds, which will do the Government no good. The entire scheme, to the lay mind, would seem to be the throwing on the market of $10,000,000 of State, city and railroad bonds, perfectly good, with a corresponding decrease in price according to the plentifulness of their tender, and with no excitement to the purchase of the Panama issues.

In fact, there is a look about this entire transaction as though it were one of many steps taken of late years toward the nationalizing of the finance of the country through the medium of the national banks, with the Central Bank at the small end of the vista down which the financial policy of the Government seems to be steadily tending.

GREETS MERCY WITH INSOLENCE

The State will look to Governor Kitchin to act in the case of Baxter Shemwell.

It appears that, representing himself to be suffering with rheumatism at Hot Springs, he only waited word of a reprieve to come back to North Carolina and appear publicly on the streets of Lexington.

This is the essence of defiance and contempt, which it is for the Governor to deal with.

We do not understand that a reprieve is anything more than an exercise of the Governor's discretion. He can recall it, at will, certainly for cause. He now has the cause. Shemwell, we suspected, was playing a disingenuous game. He now adds open insolence to his crimes.

We look to Governor Kitchin to get him, and get him at once, before he has the opportunity to again play hide and seek with the law.

The Rockingham Post, an authority on poultry, says: "As fresh air gives a pretty girl red cheeks, so it also gives a pretty hen a red head." But what is the combination that gives a pretty, red-headed girl?

Tennessee seems to love her night a Dr. is.

THE CRIME OF A COLD BATH.

It is almost like catching a pompous old gentleman with a long beard in a state of nature, to watch some species of womanish nervousness in individuals of place and power who ought to know better. When a strong man becomes hysterical, the disgrace is his, but the shame of it in some way affects the spectators. It always hurts to have one's ideals explode. Dignity throwing school girl fits is not only undignified; it is pitiable.

In some such way Dr. Kilgo, President of Trinity College, has been performing. He is, naturally, a man of exceeding mental virility, an orator of sometimes pure power. Yet on occasion his nervous temperament gets the upper hand, and when it does the man who would be Bishop of the Methodist church is capable of exercising the tongue of a virago in accompaniment with the antics of a mountebank. Of course these lapses do not indicate the real Kilgo, any more than the twaddle of a drunken man represents the sober brain of the same individual. In either case the sufferer is to be pitied as well as condemned for the loss of his poise. When Dr. Kilgo twitched his own coattails in imitation of the walk and way of his critic, Dr. Gattis, the State laughed but it did not applaud. In the same way, we take it, the people will regard the news that eight Trinity students have been expelled for fraudulently inducing a freshman to take a bath.

It seems that seven higher class men, and the freshman, gathered together and discussed the feeling of a cold bath in December weather. The "dare" was passed and accepted. Cigarette pictures were produced and a species of "matching" was indulged in, whereby the last man "unmatched" was to take the plunge. Of course, anyone who knows college students could already have told that the "freshman" would go under. He did so, of his own volition, and without force being exercised. He had played the game and lost. Brave little freshman!

We can imagine the general surprise when this innocent form of sport was called "hazing." More surprising still, it was denounced as a form of gambling. President Kilgo rose and spoke. Even the freshman, who had "won" the bath, was dismissed The seven who had "lost" it went also, stigmatized in the one case as a common gambler, in the other cases as both gamblers and hazers". Then Dr. Kilgo spoke some more. There can be read between the lines almost a weeping hysteria in what he told the student body. He was exasperated at the students generally. They had been having mumps, shooting fire-crackers, breaking window panes. He attacked Dr. Eliot's idea of "college self government," the inference being that nothing but an autocracy could be expected of a college community that gave itself up to gambling with baseball pictures for cold baths, swelling up with the mumps, shooting off fire-crackers and breaking out panes of glass. Such lawnessless was anathema and he was going to white a book about it and say just what he thought. That he would! The whole passel of gamblers and hazers would be forthwith dismissed, and the entire lawless, mumpy body of the students generally could go to their homes and remain until they could eat pickle without letting out an Indian war whoop when they did so.

All of which is, of course, the veriest sort of jumping up and down about nothing. What if the students were exasperating? So the young animal is made, and will remain. What if they did seem to catch the mumps out of pure cussedness? Any physician will tell you that that is the way of mumps. Is it any way to stop such incidents of college life to fly into a passion and threaten to write a book? We can imagine how the student body grinned, and how, even now, it is planning further and more extravagant exasperations. More than that, the dismissals were technically unjust. There can be no hazing where there is no force or other coercion; there can be no gambling in any game of chance where there are no stakes to be lost. In December, even, a cold bath is good for any healthy young animal with a strong heart. There was no element of cruelty in the prank. And when all these things fall together, even if they fell as a part of a plan to annoy a President annoyed by mumps in his college family, they yet constitute no excuse for getting away from the fundamental ,if specious, attributes of fairness on which the college boy insists. Play fair with the boy, and with dignity, and he will accept the heaviest punishment with a true "sporting spirit" of good humour; let him but see that the punishment is not for what he did so much as on account of how his judge is feeling, and he will be not only resentful but resourceful in making further trouble. But let the boy see that he has succeeded in putting the power of authority "up in the air" and the man who wins such a judgment is ever after to be held in sorrowful consideration, for from him will peace have spread her wings and departed ever after.

Dr. Kilgo has an attack of nerves.

MEANING OF AUTOMATIC GATES.

Elsewhere we print a courteously written communication from Fourth Assistant Postmaster General P. V. DeGraw ,relative to an editorial of November 30th, in which was criticised the action of the Rural Delivery Department in declaring automatic gates a sine qua non of rural free delivery service. While we still think, from knowledge of conditions in this State, that the number of gates across public highways is not sufficient to justify the enforcement of this rule, we are frank to say that Mr. De Graw's explanation of what is meant by an "automatic gate" relieves the situation of what we considered at the time to be its chief point of criticism. If, as he says, it is possible at small expense to convert the ordinary gate into one which a carrier can open without dismounting from his conveyance, the requirement that the counties go to this expense in aid of the rural delivery is robbed of much of its harshness. It seems that the Department has simply been careless in its use of the English language; the meaning of automatic, specifically and as it is generally understood, is self-operative. Thus an "automatic gate" was a term conveying to our mind the elaborate steel structure which passes under that name—patented, as we stated—the feature of which is a lever arrangement in the road which, when passed over by the wheels of a conveyance, automatically causes the gate to swing open. Not only are these gates expensive, but experience has shown them to be unreliable, especially in bad weather, when the driver has difficulty in "hitting" the levers at the right place and time. But a gate with a bar so arranged that a driver can reach from his buggy and swing the gate open, while convenient, is not "automatic."

Some days ago we published a communication on this matter from the President of the Rural Carriers of the State. It did not, however, give the reasonable construction of the order which Mr. DeGraw's letter puts upon it. we are always glad, having for any reason, by our own fault or that of others, created a false impression, to have the opportunity of making the entire matter simple and clear. With the original editorial and these two communications to go by, the readers of this paper now have all sides of a question of some triviality in itself, but, in the light of the wide value and service of the rural delivery, of much interest to many people.

THE WORLD'S WORST FAKIR.

The finding of the Copenhagen authorities that Cook's records show nothing conclusively will be accepted by the world as final evidence that the "discoverer of the Pole" deserves no place in history except as one who conceived and attempted to carry out a gigantic deception.

One of the strongest moral reasons for belief in Cook's claims was that it was difficult for the ordinary mind to conceive daring necessary to make a false claim in connection with the epic story of effort to achieve the Pole. It seems, however, that Cook had nerve, if nothing else. His disappearance is now easily understood; for the strain must have been a fearful one.

What will be the future of Cook? Where can he hide? How can he ever again move among his fellows? In this there is an infinite pathos, not in the least lightened by the fact that in the universal contempt of the world he will receive nothing more than he justly deserves.

Much is now explained, also, about the attitude of Peary. He had accomplished the work of a life-time. He saw an imposter grasping his laurels. Better able to know the calibre of the man than was the rest of the world, he was humanly violent. He appeared ungenerous, narrow, vindictive; whereas the event has shown that his was a righteous anger. It would have been better had he waited his own vindication with quiet confidence instead of trying to force it with what looked like blustering self-assertion. His temptation to lose his head was, however, great, and in the light of the truth justifiable.

Stacking the cards to make a college boy tub is not so far from Godliness as it might be.

Governor Kitchin might have broken his record for not preaching had he not stumbled down those steps.

Notwithstanding the fact that he was made to take it, not even Dr. Kilgo will deny that the freshman needed the bath.

It is indeed fortunate that the epidemic of mumps in Trinity College did not appear until after the close of the debating talk-fests.

Between having the mumps, shooting firecrackers and taking cold baths, Trinity College has been just too exquisitely devilish for anything.

Judge Cook's charge to the Wilson grand jury to return indictments against all football players in games in which deaths resulted was a safe play, in that the season is over and Wilson county doesn't have football games.

It seems that it is cruel and unusual punishment to take a bath at Durham.

Still, if Governor Kitchin had to have trouble with the Mansion steps, it was better for him to fall down them going out than to fall up them coming in.

Many a man who has tried to read the evening paper in the midst of a large and loving family could diagnose the Trinity College trouble for Dr. Kilgo, without writing a book to relieve himself.

President Taft evidently does not believe that peace lies in an investigation. Having already cast his vote for Ballinger, he can now only sit aside and let them do their worst.

Many a man under indictment would be pleased to have so good a jury picker as Uncle Joe Cannon already retained in his behalf. Doubtless Mr. Ballinger views the future with confidence.

After the recent hammering he has been receiving it must be a relief to Dr. Cook to hear that he is now accused again of "faking" the Mt. McKinley ascent and of "doctoring" a flag into the photograph of the "North Pole."

No matter what the opinion of the Ballinger investigation committee, the country will be the jurors. Those who are getting ready to authenticate a vindication should remember the result and the impotence of the verdict in the Schley-Sampson controversy.

Representative Hardin, of Texas, takes the view that a paper that charges a Congressman with corruption must be corrupt itself. The trouble with this view is that there are so many more papers than Congressmen that it is impossible that all the former should be corrupt.

"AUTOMATIC GATES."

Asst. Postmaster General McGraw Says Order Not a Hardship.

Editor Star:

Referring to the editorial under the caption "Official Bumptiousness," which appeared in the issue of The Morning Star of Tuesday, November 30, 1909, I have to say that it appears that you are under a misapprehension as to the policy of the Department with reference to the maintenance of gates on highways traversed by rural carriers, and as to the manner of its enforcement.

It seems that in many of the States it is the practice to maintain gates across public as well as private highways. In the early days of the rural delivery service, while it was required that as a condition precedent to the establishment of the service the highways traversed be free from obstructions, the rule was not enforced as to the maintenance of gates. As the service grew, however, it became necessary to require that gates be removed, for the reason that on many routes it was found that a number of gates were being maintained.

If the rural delivery service is worth anything at all to its patrons,—and of this there is, of course, no question—it is essential that it be performed as expeditiously as possible, and to this end rural carriers are required to maintain a uniform schedule; are not permitted to loiter along the way. Clearly, one gate is an impediment, even though its opening and closing requires but a moment or two, and more gates are a greater impediment.

In this view, and it being manifestly impossible to discriminate as between one or more gates, the rule is enforced as to all gates maintained on roads traversed by rural carriers.

The requirement of the Department is that gates shall be removed or made automatic. By automatic is meant that they shall be so arranged that they can be opened and closed without the carriers dismounting. No particular style of gate is required, and it is possible to arrange such a gate at small expense.

P. V. DeGRAW.
Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 18, 1909.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Herbert J. Gladstone has concluded to accept a place in the peerage. His father would not have such a place, but the son is to become governor general in South Africa, and the South Africans love a peer.—Goldsboro Argus.

The Sentinel has referred before to the work of Congressman John H. Small in the way of securing things for his constituents. He is a splendid example of the member of Congress who does things. If more representatives from this section would do as Mr. Small has done instead of wasting their time with abuse of Mr. Taft and kindred topics the result would be significant to say the least.—Twin-City Sentinel.

Near-Beer Saloon Robbed.

Greensboro Record: Some one broke into the near-beer saloon on East Washington street last night and stole all of the money which had been left in the cash register, amounting to about $5. Entrance was effected by breaking out a glass in a rear window. The robbery has been reported to the police, but up to this time they have not obtained a working clew.

The Wilmington Star, which has recently been greatly improved and made more like a metropolitan daily, with an editorial department unsurpassed by any exchange that comes to this office, issued a mammoth edition of forty pages Sunday, which was a beauty and which contained matter descriptive of the city of Wilmington—past, present and future. It was certainly a creditable publication.—Reidsville Review.

The Robeson county farmers surely have no cause to complain of their farming operations this year. They made good money last year, when they produced 52,000 bales of cotton. This year their cotton production amounted to 60,000 bales, which was sold at a large increase above what they were paid for the crop of the year before. Besides, they produced much more corn and other home supplies than they did last year or at any other time. It looks like the Robeson county farmers are going to have fat bank accounts this year and to "live at home," besides.—Charlotte Observer.

Our neighbor the Tribune regards the published correspondence of Chas. F. Murphy as an exhibition of "Tammany in the nude." Perhaps. But suppose Mr. Bannard had been elected. Does the Tribune think that the letters Mr. Woodruff and Mr. Parsons would have then received would differ much in substance from those Mr. Murphy received? Political machines are political machines. They are all run on about the same principle, and the difference in their political morality is often largely a difference in opportunity.—New York World.

The Asheville Gazette News' Washington correspondent, under date of Saturday, says: "Mayor Rhett and wife, of Charleston, slept at the White House as guests of the Tafts last night. They are the first Southerners to have lodgings in the Executive Mansion since Cleveland's administration." It is a fact that the atmosphere of the White House is now much more congenial to Southerners than it has been since Cleveland left it. People from all parts of the country are made to feel that they have a sort of proprietary interest in the home of the President.—Charlotte Chronicle.

Reidsville is to receive several handsome Christmas gifts this year. Three local enterprises—all new ones—a bank, a manufacturing concern and a mercantile establishment have been chartered to begin business, and then there are the new electric light and fire department buildings being constructed, and we are hourly expecting the announcement of an appropriation for enlarging the Government building. The new co-operative or storage warehouse opened its doors for business this week, and we expect soon to have notice of the establishment of city free delivery, as the commissioners have started the work of repairing some of the side walks which Government officials stated was necessary for securing the service.—Reidsville Review.

Of course there will be criticism of Governor Kitchin for reprieving Baxter Shemwell, yet he has done the proper thing. Shemwell may not be as sick as he claims, but Governor Kitchin had to rely solely on the affidavits presented. He has, however, remained on the safe side. The reprieve is until next April; during the interim the Governor can inform himself and be sure. Shemwell does not intend to go jail if he can avoid it. It would be better, however, for him to serve time during the winter than in the Summer. Entering on his term in April will throw him there during the hot period. If he wants to escape his best plan would be to die. Probably he is as averse to this as serving a term in jail. Some men are hard to please.—Greensboro Record.

QUEER ASSAULT CASE.

Forsyth Man Indicted for Attacking Lady Autoists.

(Twin-City Sentinel.)

The case against Henry Willard, a young white man charged with an assault with a deadly weapon on some ladies who were out in an automobile last Friday near Mr. R. J. Reynolds' farm, about five miles west of the city, which was set for trial this afternoon at 2 o'clock before 'Squire Lehman, was continued until January 15. The young man was arrested by Policeman Cofer and put under a $25 cash bond for his appearance today but 'Squire Lehman raised the bond to $300 and it was given. The Sentinel is informed that the report to the effect that some of the men in the party of farmers at the time of the alleged affair were drinking is not correct; that nobody in the party had been drinking.

CHRISTMAS SALE

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MR. DUFFY FOR CONGRESS

Popular Solicitor of Fifth Judicial District Formally Announces His Candidature in Third North Carolina District.

In the city yesterday was E. M. Koonce, Esq., of Onslow, law partner of Solicitor Rodolph Duffy, who authorizes the official announcement that Mr. Duffy has at length decided to stand for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Third Congressional District.

This news will be received with much interest here, New Hanover being in the judicial district which he has served so faithfully for several terms as solicitor. The regret with many of his friends, however, is that New Hanover is not in the Third Congressional district and, therefore, they will not have an opportunity of exercising their suffrage for him in his aspiration to the larger field of usefulness.

Elsewhere in today's paper will be found the official announcement of Mr. Duffy for Congress and a very strong endorsement of him from the leading citizens of his county. He is going to make a strong fight for the nomination and those who know of his ability on the hustings and his strong hold upon the people of the several counties in the district which he is now serving, nearly all of which are in his same Congressional district, may expect a strong aggressive fight. As yet the convention, of course, has not been called, but politics in the district are already at fever heat and the outcome is being watched with interest. He has a strong field of candidates before him, but his friends are confident and account themselves fortunate in securing his consent to make the race.

CARPENTER & MILLER ASSIGN.

Cameron F. MacRae, Esq., Named as Trustee of the Business.

Financially embarrassed and desirous of closing out their business for the benefit of creditors, A. Morris Carpenter and Will W. Miller, partners trading under the firm name of Carpenter & Miller, and doing a grocery business at corner of Third and Castle streets, have made an assignment, naming Cameron F. MacRae, Esq., trustee.

By the deed of trust, filed for record yesterday morning, the trustee is directed to take charge of the stock of goods and general merchandise, store fixtures, accounts, horses, wagons and every other article of personal property connected with the grocery business and convert the same into money, and after retaining 5 per cent. as commission and paying to Rountree & Carr $25 for legal services, distribute the proceeds from said goods among the creditors according to law, the members of the firm waiving all right to homestead and personal property exemption. It is stated that the liabilities of the firm are about $2,000 and the assets will probably cover the amount.

FROM SOUTH AMERICA.

Steamer Arrives With Cargo of Nitrate of Soda—Long Voyage.

After a long voyage from the west coast of South America, the British steamer Kenley, Capt. Wilson, arrived yesterday with cargo for the Wilmington Compress & Warehouse Company.

The Kenley brings 4,000 tons of nitrate of soda which will be discharged here. On her voyage from South America the steamer discharged part cargo at Charleston, S. C. She made a stop at Montevideo for coal on November 10th and made a passage of several thousand miles. The vessel is consigned to Walter Smallbones, agent.

While coming up the river yesterday her steering gear became disabled and she went ashore no less than four times from Southport to Big Island. Each time she came off under her own steam. The tugs Sea King, Capt. Williams, and Blanche, Capt. Dosher, responded to calls for assistance and stood by until she got up to the city late last night.

VERDICT FOR $7,229.

Awarded in Martin County Against A. C. L. for Accident Here.

Mr. C. E. Parker, of this city, returned yesterday from Williamston, Martin county, where during the past week he attended the trial of a big damage suit in which W. K. Leggett, of Robersonville, N. C., was asking for $20,000 damages from the Atlantic Coast Line for the killing of his son, W. H. Leggett, a switchman in the employ of the company, on the belt line toward Delgado, near this city on October 3rd, 1907. The jury returned a verdict after Mr. Parker left Williamston, awarding the plaintiff $7,229 with interest and costs of the action, from which the railroad company took an appeal to the Supreme Court. The plaintiff was represented in the action by A. R. Dunning, Esq., formerly a practicing attorney of the Wilmington bar, associated with the late John H. Gore, who scored a big victory in the trial of the case.

SOLDIER RECOVERING.

Private Charles Bullard Seriously Injured in a Fall.

Private Charles Bullard has been in a serious condition in the hospital at Fort Caswell as a result of injuries sustained by falling into the hold of the fishing schooner F. & T. Compton, while she was lying at the wharf at Southport, several days ago.

Private Bullard had been visiting friends in Southport and wanted to get back to the fort on a launch, which he thought was lying alongside the fishing schooner. It was very dark and when he attempted to cross over he fell through the hatch and remained unconscious for several hours until he was discovered by one of the members of the crew. In the fall he sustained a broken arm, dislocated hip and was otherwise badly hurt. He has been cared for since at the fort hospital and his condition now is very favorable.

While buying your Christmas gifts, don't forget the reliable and suitable line to be found at J. T. Burke's, 27 South Front street. dec8tf.

PRISONER, PITIFUL OBJECT

Otto Deahle on Verge of Collapse—Case for Passing Worthless Check Dismissed—Police-Magistrate Fight.

When Otto Deahle, charged with passing a worthless check on Mr. Julius Sternberger, was taken from the county jail yesterday morning for trial before the Recorder it was discovered that he was in a serious nervous condition, being on the verge of a collapse. He appeared to be mentally unbalanced and was a most pitiful object. Deahle has been ill in jail for several days, being attended by the county physician.

Mr. Julius Sternberger, who cashed the check for $5, and the officials of the American National Bank, on which institution the worthless paper was drawn, did not care to prosecute the defendant, after learning his condition, and the Recorder had no disposition to try the case, so the action was dismissed. Friends of the defendant said they were going to take him to the hospital for treatment.

After being discharged by the Recorder the defendant was taken before Justice Bornemann, who had a warrant against him for obtaining goods from a Castle Haynes merchant under false pretense. Justice Bornemann said that the prisoner appeared to be a total mental and physical wreck. "Take the prisoner away; I will not try a man in such a wrecked condition; the case is dismissed," said the justice as the defendant was brought into his presence. So Deahle was taken away by his friends. There is much sympathy expressed for Deahle and his wife and children, who are at Castle Haynes.

The cases against Assistant Chief of Police C. S. Burnett and Justice J. H. Sykes, charged with an affray in police headquarters several days ago, was tried. Patrolman C. E. Wood, one of the witnesses to the affair, was the only witness examined. His narrative was substantially the same as previously given in The Star. Neither of the defendants cared to make a statement. The Recorder found both guilty and taxed them with the costs.

Nearly three hours were consumed in the trial of cases against Floyd Pharr and Amos Smith, colored, charged with resisting an officer. The latter was arrested yesterday morning and on his person was found a razor. An additional charge of carrying concealed weapons was lodged against him. It will be recalled that Pharr, a mulatto of splendid physique, was drunk Saturday night at the North Carolina Cotton Oil Mill and that Mounted Officers T. M. Hall and Frank George were sent to arrest him. The negro offered strenuous resistance, striking Officer George several times. While the two officers and Pharr were scuffling, Smith, it was charged, ran up from behind and dealt Officer George a blow over the head with a stick. The officers were forced to club Pharr into submission. Smith was not captured until yesterday morning. That the Recorder has no patience with a man who assaults an officer under such circumstances was amply shown by the sentences imposed—both Pharr and Smith being given terms of 12 months on the county roads. Smith got three months additional for carrying the razor. Both took an appeal from the 12 months' sentence. W. P. Gafford, Esq., appeared for Pharr and Hon. John D. Bellamy and Herbert McClammy, Esq., for the prosecution. Two drunks were required to pay the usual amount for such offenses.

CHINAMAN SEEKS DIVORCE.

Alleges Bigamy and Infidelity on Part of His Mulatto Wife.

Lee Sing, a prosperous Chinese truck farmer, living just east of the city, yesterday morning started an action in Superior Court here for divorce from his wife, Estelle Lee (Sing), a bright mulatto, to whom he was married at Marion, S. C., April 12th, 1908, after being refused the necessary papers in this county. The several unusual features of the case probably make this action unparalleled in the State, certainly in this section.

The story of the marriage of the Chinaman and the mulatto, considered the best looking woman of her race in this section of the State, was given in full in the papers at the time, it creating some interest. The plaintiff sets up two causes of action, the first alleging bigamy and asking the court to declare the marriage void from the beginning, and second, infidelity. The plaintiff sets out that since his marriage to the defendant he has been informed and believes that the defendant was then married to a former husband, who is still living, no divoree having been procured. The first marriage is said to have been performed in Charlotte. In the second cause of action the complaint sets out the fact that the couple lived together until about July, 1908, and alleges that the defendant, after obtaining large sums of money from plaintiff and depleting the treasury, declined to live with him any longer, going into business for herself and disregarding the entreaties of plaintiff to return with him; that since the separation and before learning of her unfaithfulness plaintiff repeatedly tried to get her to return. He avers that some time afterwards she began to live a notorious life. Geo. L. Peschau, Esq., is counsel for the plaintiff.

FIRE AT MAKATOKA.

Hotel, Commissary and Other Buildings Burned There on Sunday.

A long distance telephone message from Whiteville last night brought news of a serious fire at Makatoka, location of the Waccamaw Lumber Co's. logging camp in the Green Swamp section of Brunswick county Sunday of this week. While the origin of the fire is not known, it is not believed that the recent trouble with settlers in that locality had anything to do with the conflagration, which practically wiped the small town off the map, the hotel, commissary and several other buildings having been destroyed. Further particulars had not been learned at Whiteville last night.

MR. BURNETT EXONERATED

Assistant Chief of Police Was Defending Himself, is Decision of Police and Fire Commission—Suspension.

It took the Police and Fire Commission but a few minutes after hearing the testimony last night to pass a resolution fully exonerating Assistant Chief of Police C. S. Burnett from blame for engaging in an altercation with Justice J. H. Sykes in police headquarters early on a morning about ten days ago. The commission took the position that the officer acted in defense of his person.

The motion exonerating the officer was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Woolvin, and carried unanimously without discussion. Patrolman C. E. Wood, who was in police headquarters when the altercation took place, gave an account of the affair as he witnessed it, his statement being practically the same as previously given in these columns. Messrs. Burnett and Sykes were present and declared that Patrolman Wood had told "all there was to it." Mr. Sykes made it plain to the Commission that he was not present of his own volition and that he had no charges to prefer against the officer. He had been summoned by Chief of Police N. J. Williams and appeared as a matter of courtesy. He said that Mr. Burnett was entirely justified in striking him under the circumstances.

Chairman Springer asked Clerk J. J. Fowler to read a communication from Chief of Police Williams, which was as follows: Officer G. E. Stevens reported late on the morning of the 10th, acknowledged he was asleep on his beat and was suspended seven days. Officer O. P. Stucky was found off his beat by Acting Sergeant M. C. Gray; admitted his guilt and was suspended 10 days. Officer B. O. Allen reported late on morning of 17th admitted he was asleep on his beat and was suspended seven days." The officers were suspended by Chief of Police Williams after a conference with Chairman Springer, of the Commission. The Commission sustained the action of the chief in suspending the men.

Those present at the meeting last night were: Chairman W. E. Springer; Capt. John Barry, Mr. James F. Woolvin and Mr. W. A. French.

AUDIT AND FINANCE BOARD.

Regular Semi-Monthly Meeting Held Last Night—Routine.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Audit and Finance was held last night but the business transacted was largely routine, consisting principally of auditing bills for current expenses.

The Board met at 8 o'clock, Chairman M. J. Heyer presiding, and Messrs. Jesse Wilder, W. B. Cooper and the clerk, Capt. T. D. Meares, in attendance. The Board spent some time in discussing the 39 city back tax cases recently marked off the docket in the Superior Court, some of them at the cost of the city. The Board understood that there were yet a number of other cases on the docket and the members agreed that there was much laxity in these matters which should be corrected. The delinquent assessments for street paving were also discussed and the chairman suggested that the clerk of the Board send a request to the Board of Aldermen to have the records kept more clearly and correctly and that more aggressive methods be employed in the collection of taxes, assessments and other obligations to the city. A motion finally prevailed that the clerk be instructed to notify the Board of Aldermen to take steps to at once enforce the collection of all unpaid assessments for street improvement. The Board, a few minutes before 9 o'clock, adjourned subject to call of the chairman.

WILMINGTON CUSTOM HOUSE.

Charlotte Chronicle Has a Word to Say of Local Situation.

The Charlotte Chronicle in a recent issue had the following of local interest:

"It is reported from Washington to the Asheville Gazette-News, that Mr. B. F. Keith, who has had two terms as collector of the port of Wilmington is to be succeeded by Mr. S. M. King. We had not heard that Mr. Keith's re-appointment was in any danger and in the absence of definite information will hope that he will be permitted to hold over for another term, during which he will be able to see the new customs house for Wilmington fairly under way of erection, if not finished. Mr. Keith has worked in and out of season for the accomplishment of this great need for Wilmington's commerce, and that the matter has been so far advanced is due in great measure to his energy and his influence at Washington, no one will deny. It would be the graceful thing on the part of the government to permit him to inaugurate the new building.'

Three Offenses Charged.

Herbert Larkins, alias "Blucher", colored, was arrested yesterday by Constable W. B. Savage on three warrants, one charging assault with deadly weapon on Phoebe Sterling, colored, one charging him with carrying concealed weapons, and the third a peace warrant, all sworn out in September last by Harriet MacRae, colored. The hearing was set for 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon before Justice George Harriss, but was continued until this morning on account of the absence of some witnesses. Walter P. Gafford, Esq., appeared for the defendant.

Death of Little Son.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Warboys deeply sympathize with them in the death of their two-year-old son, Kenneth Warboys, which occurred at 8:15 o'clock yesterday morning at the family residence, 619 South Second street. The death of the little one is peculiarly sad, having been taken sick only Monday afternoon. The funeral services will be held from the residence at 10:30 o'clock this morning, conducted by Judge J. A. Erwin, pastor of the Christian Church, and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

AMERICAN INCREASES STOCK

Wilmington's Youngest National Bank Adds to Its Facilities for Doing Business—Capital $150,000 After January 1st.

At a special meeting of the stock holders of the American National Bank, held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in their banking rooms on Front street, it was unanimously decided to increase the capital stock of the institution from $100,000 to $150,000 and the papers were forwarded last night to the Comptroller of the Currency at Washington for authorization.

Mr. Jos. D. Smith presided at the meeting yesterday and Mr. Thos. E. Cooper kept a record of the proceedings. A large part of the stock was represented in person and the remainder by proxy. The president, Mr. W. B. Cooper, stated the object of the meeting, told of the bank's phenomenal progress since its organization and the desirability of increasing the facilities for taking care of the constantly increasing business of the Institution. The recommendation of the president was discussed with much favor and the stockholders unanimously voted to make the increase of the capitalization stated. The officers of the bank are arranging to issue the new stock by January 1st and it is learned from an authoritative source that three-fourths of it has already been taken. The object of the increase is to not only enlarge the facilities of the institution for doing business, but to identify new interests with the enterprise, so that the holdings of the stock will be distributed as largely as possible among the smaller investors.

The bank opened its doors for business May 8th, 1908, with deposits of $6,446.16 and on October 21st, 1908 when all the capital stock was paid in these deposits had increased to $194,043.20. This was thought to be a splendid record, but a year later, on October 21st, of the present year, these deposits had increased to $565,833.33, a record which has perhaps never been equalled by a banking institution of the same age in Wilmington. The bank has assets of something over $750,000 and profits of something over $11,000, and its gains in all departments still continues.

GOVERNMENT FELL DOWN.

Failed to Make Out Case Against McKoy for Selling Whiskey.

Mr. J. C. McKoy, of Wilmington and Northwest, Brunswick county, was given a hearing before United States Commissioner George Harriss at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon on the charge of selling whiskey at Northwest on or about the 10th of December. The government failed utterly to make out its case and the defendant was discharged. Several witnesses for the government were examined and they testified that they did not know anything of the charge against the defendant. The case was dismissed on the government's own showing, the defense not offering any testimony. Hon. John D. Bellamy and James H. Scull, Esq., appeared for Mr. McKoy.

Mr. McKoy moved to this city from Northwest, and conducts a grocery store in South Wilmington. He also has a grocery store at Northwest.

EAGLES ELECT OFFICERS.

Worthy President S. E. Wood at the Head of Carolina Aerie No. 1171.

At the regular meeting of Carolina Aerie 1171, Fraternal Order of Eagles, held last night the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Worthy President, Samuel E. Wood; Worthy Vice President, T. D. Love; Worthy Chaplain, Julius Weil; Secretary, A. M. Reinhold; Treasurer, E. M. Cheek; Conductor, Clarence Leon; Inside Guard, D. E. Bass; Outside Guard, Hector H. Clark; Trustees, M. L. Starkey, S. Mitchell, L. M. Bunting; Aerie Physician, Dr. M. M. Cladwell and Chas. T. Harper. With these elections Worthy President H. Z. Clowe now advances to the chair of Past Worthy President, which entitles him to representation in the Grand Aerie meetings. Carolina Aerie is in very fine condition and the new administration will start the new year with the brightest prospects.

Woodmen Contract for Monuments.

Live Oak Camp, No. 6, Woodmen of the World, has let a contract to Tucker Bros., of this city, to erect a monument at the grave of the late J. A. Jordan, who was buried at Burlington, N. C. Mr. Frank Meier will place the monument and, being a member of Live Oak Camp, will assist in the unveiling of the same. The claim of Mrs. Jordan, the beneficiary, has been paid. It is a beautiful custom of the Woodmen to erect a monument at the grave of every deceased brother, or in case the family desires to erect one, to contribute $100 toward the payment of the same.

ANOTHER COTTON STEAMER.

British Steamer Hyperia Arrived Yesterday From New York.

The British steamer Hyperia, the second steamer this month to receive cotton, arrived in port yesterday from New York. The vessel will receive cargo for foreign export.

This will make the second steamer in port at present to load the staple. Receipts the past ten days have been better than during any time this month. Capt. Enos is master of the vessel.

The steamer Harlyna will probably clear the latter part of this week. The staple was quoted on the local market at 14 7-8 cents yesterday. The vessel is to Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Gaylord will remain open until 10 o'clock tonight. **

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PUREST & BEST IN THE WORLD

LOCAL WIRELESS STATION

Apparatus Will Probably be Installed Here and at Southport by Atlantic Radio Co.—Representative Arrives.

The probabilities are that within the next few months wireless telegraph stations will be established in Wilmington and at Southport by the Atlantic Radio Wireless Telegraph Company, of New York and Baltimore. The system will give connections with all the wireless apparatus of the company on land or vessels and will be installed for commercial purposes.

Mr. Walter S. Peck, representative of the firm, arrived in Wilmington yesterday morning from Baltimore, and left later in the day for Southport This is his second visit to Wilmington within a few weeks which is evidence that the company seriously contemplates establishing stations here and at Southport. Mr. Peck has secured an option on an elevated piece of ground in the southern part of the city, near the river, where the apparatus will be installed in the event it is finally decided to establish a station here. Mr. Peck will remain at Southport until he has secured an option on a suitable site for the station there. He will then come to Wilmington and it is expected that he will complete arrangements for the establishment of the station here before he returns to the home office.

A prominent local business man, who is interested in the wireless station here, declared last night that the apparatus both here and at Southport would be in service within the next few months.

Foley's Orino Laxative is best for women and children. Its mild action and pleasant taste makes it preferable to violent purgatives, such as pills, tablets, etc. Cures constipation. Robt. R. Bellamy.

Gaylord will remain open until 10 o'clock tonight. **

HORSE AND DOG INCINERATED

Barns and Stables Destroyed in Brooklyn Fire Last Night.

A horse and dog were incinerated early last night in a fire which destroyed the barns and stables of Mr. C. A. Turley, 310 Davis street, and Mr. W. H. Turley, 1007 North Fourth street. The fire, which is thought to have originated from the careless handling of fireworks, started in the barn of Mr. C. A. Turley, the owner of the incinerated animals, and had made great headway when discovered by a neighbor. The building was enveloped in flames when the firemen arrived and the fire quickly spread to the property of Mr. W. H. Turley adjoining.

The alarm was turned in at 8:29 o'clock from box 126, corner Fourth and Harnett streets. The firemen were on the scene promptly, but their efforts to save the buildings of Mr. C. A. Turley were in vain. Two streams of water were played on the burning structures, one line of hose being connected at Third and Harnett and another at Fourth and Hernett streets. The firemen fought the flames for nearly an hour and did fine work in preventing the spread of the fire to several houses in Turley's alley.

When discovered the fire had progressed too far to rescue the horse in Mr. C. A. Turley's stables and a dog which was in the barn, and none of the forage was saved. Mr. W. H. Turley had time to get his horse, cow and vehicles out of his buildings before the fire spread to his property, but several sets of harness were consumed as well as a large quantity of feed stuff.

Occurring early in the night as it did the fire attracted hundreds of people from that section of the city. It is estimated that the total damage will amount to about $650, with no insurance.

Give A Bank Book For Christmas.

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Gaylord will remain open until 10 o'clock tonight. **

FOUND INFANT ON PORCH.

Little Boy Left for the Care of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Allen.

When he opened his front door yesterday morning, Mr. Mitchell F. Allen, No. 1805 Princess street, Carolina Heights, found on his porch a bright-eyed, chubby infant boy, apparently about one month old, comfortably clothed and snugly wrapped with his little body lying on a feather pillow in a suit case, with just enough opening to admit a little fresh air. The little one was immediately taken into the house and accorded a hospitable welcome, though his visit was unheralded and unexpected. It is the purpose of Mr. and Mrs. Allen to keep the little fellow, for awhile at least.

The infant must have been placed on the porch early the night before as neighbors heard the cries of a baby as early as 11 o'clock. Mr. Allen also heard a baby crying before he arose but he thought the sound came from the home of a neighbor. He was as much surprised as he was happy when he opened the door and discovered his Christmas gift. While there was nothing about the clothing to lead to the identification of the infant there was a note in the suit case addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Allen and written by a man, who said he was the father of the child. The writer said that his wife died a few days after the birth of the little one and as he was certain he could not properly care for the boy, he had decided to trust his future with Mr. and Mrs. Allen, whom he felt confident would amply provide for him. Mr. and Mrs. Allen will very likely adopt the child and it is certain that he will never want for anything while with them.

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The above is the name of a German chemical, which is one of the many valuable ingredients of Foley's Kidney Remedy. Hexamethylenetetramine is recognized by medical text books and authorities as a uric solvent and antiseptic for the urine. Take Foley's Kidney Remedy as soon as you notice any irregularities and avoid a serious malady. Robt. R. Bellamy.

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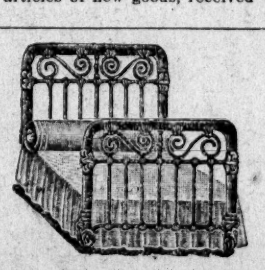
and continuing until Friday night, Dec. 24th, we expect to sell $5,000.00 of furniture, house furnishing goods, Mattings, Rugs, Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, etc., for $3,000.00 cash. $2,000.00 less than the same quality of goods will or can be sold by any other house in North Carolina., giving our customers $2,000 as a Christmas present. We will prove this to every customer. Come and see for yourself. There is a reason.

We give a few prices below, which prove the statement, the same reduction applies to more than 500 articles of new goods, received within the last 15 days.



$2.50 Iron Beds $1.49
$3.50 Iron Beds $1.98
$5.00 Iron Beds $2.98
$7.50 Iron Beds $5.98
$10.00 Iron Beds $6.98
$25.00 Brass Beds $17.98
$45.00 Brass Beds $27.98
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102 Dressers, quartered golden oak, white enamel, birds eye maple, genuine solid mahogany, Commodes Chiffonieres and Ladies' Dressing Tables to match. Example of price: Solid Oak, 24x30 French Bevel Mirror $6.98

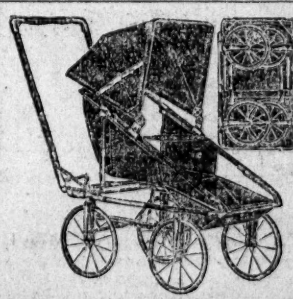
Mattings, more than 60 rolls, this year's importations, every piece received since December 1st, from 9 3-4c up per yard, by the roll only at these prices.

Rugs. We are away ahead with Rugs. More than 200 to select from. Study these prices.

27x54 Velvets $1.29
27x54 Fringed 98c
27x58 Axminsters $1.69
36x72 Axminsters $2.98
9x12 Brussells $12.98
9x11 Velvets $15.98
9x12 Smith's Axminsters. $19.98
9x12 all wool Smyrnas... $21.98

16 Library Tables, all woods, some Royal Crofts' make in the lot ..... $3.98 up

30 Parlor Tables, beauties for presents at astonishing prices.

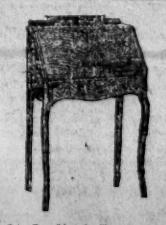


60 Carriages, Go-Carts, Folders, Collapsible, Pullman Sleepers, English Coaches, etc. See them if interested.

More than 200 Rockers, Golden Oak, Mission, Reed, solid Mahogany.
$2.50 Oak Rockers $1.69
$4.00 Oak Rockers $2.98
$6.50 Mission Rockers $4.49
$7.50 Reed Rockers $5.19
$20.00 solid Mahogany, leather seat and back $11.98

19 China Cabinets, golden quartered oak, mission and genuine solid mahogany, same at $13.98, bent glass sides and drawers.

21 Dinner Sets in Domestic, English, German and French China, $7.98 up for 100 pieces.



31 Ladies' Desks, oak, mission, walnut, imitation mahogany, solid mahogany and art, from $3.98 up. Don't fail to see them.

Pictures, Sideboards, Bed Room Suits, Parlor Suits, Dining Room Suits, Morris Chairs, from $4.98 up. Hall Racks, Lamps, Wardrobes and hundreds of other articles, all going at a saving. A few Dolls, Doll Carriages, Doll Tea Sets, Etc.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Brief Mention, News of Societies, Meetings, Etc.

Mr. B. Frank Keith, Jr., arrived yesterday afternoon and will spend a day or two at home for the holidays.

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Mr. J. L. Edge and family have gone to their former home at Hand, S. C. to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

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Mrs. W. R. Kenan leaves today for St. Augustine, Fla., where she will spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. H. M. Flagler.

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Mr. J. C. Stedman, with the Atlantic Coast Line in Charleston, S. C., was in the city yesterday on his way to Elizabethtown, N. C., to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Fishblate, of East Orange, N. J., arrived in the city Tuesday morning to spend the Winter and are stopping at The Orton.

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Mr. B. F. White, a popular young Wilmingtonian, now traveling several Southern States with Atlanta as headquarters, is in the city to spend the holidays with his sisters, the Misses White.

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Mrs. Hancock, wife of Col. Hancock, of Fort Caswell, spent yesterday in Wilmington on a shopping trip. The steamer G. W. Getty made a special trip to the city to bring her party and returned late in the afternoon.

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Mr. Carlton Spear, son of Mr. Herbert W. Spear, first lieutenant of engineers of the U. S. R. C. Seminole, has returned to his home from the Tome School for Boys at Port Depsolt, Md., for the Christmas vacation.

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Friends of Mr. Meares Harriss were delighted to see him able to be on the streets again yesterday after an illness of several weeks. He is now able to be at his offices of public stenographer on Princess street and is again giving attention to business.

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Mr. Robert Wright Strange arrived home yesterday from the State University to spend the holidays with his parents, Bishop and Mrs. Robert Strange. He was in an accident on the Southern Monday night, but escaped with only a few bruises.

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Monday being the anniversary of the birthday of Mr. C. W. Polvogt and his daughter, Miss Lucile Polvogt, Mrs. Polvogt gave them a party at the Howard Relief Club the same night. Dancing was the order in the early part of the evening, after which an elegant spread of edibles was partaken of. Incidentally a number of the young ladies at home from college were given a reception, the number of young people in attendance being about 50. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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The Star acknowledges with thanks an invitation reading as follows:

Post B. North Carolina Division
Travelers' Protective Association of America
requests the pleasure of your company
at their
Ninth Annual Banquet
Monday evening, December the
twenty-seventh
nineteen hundred and nine
at nine o'clock
Hotel Zinzendorf
Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
BURRELL H. MARSH, Chmn.
JAMES J. NORMAN,
STERLING SMITH,
R. S. V. P. Committee.

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The marriage this evening of Miss Annie Elizabeth Frederick and Dr. Mathew L. Hargrove, which will be solemnized at the home of the bride, No. 420 Chesnut street, will be of much interest to friends in the city and elsewhere. Miss Frederick is an attractive young lady of this city and Dr. Hargrove is a well known dentist. Father Dennen will officiate at the ceremony. Following the wedding the couple will leave for Clinton, N. C., the groom's home, where they will visit his parents for a few days before returning to Wilmington to make their home.

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MISS MYRTYE CROOM BRIDE OF MR. MATT D. MEIER.

A marriage of much interest to a wide circle of friends was performed at the rectory of St. Thomas' Catholic Church at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when Miss Myrtye B. Croom, attractive daughter of Mr. Stephen D. Croom, of Columbus county, became the bride of Mr. Matt D. Meier, a well known and exceedingly popular young man of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Dennen and was witnessed by Miss Addie Applewhite and Mr. W. A. McGirt, friends of the young couple. The bride has made her home in Wilmington for some time and has a wide circle of friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Meier will reside on Red Cross street. The happiest congratulations of many friends is extended them.

The marriage of this popular couple came as a complete surprise to their many friends, only those who were present at the ceremony knowing that the event was to be celebrated yesterday. Mr. Meier has a position with Armour & Co., in this city.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. C. F. Ashley, of Bolton, N. C., spent yesterday in Wilmington.

—Mr. J. A. Murphy, of Atkinson, N. C., was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

—Messrs. J. A. Lanier, Jr., and J. R. Marshburn, of Maple Hill, were business visitors to the city yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Powell, of Oxford, and Mr. W. H. Powell, of Whiteville, were among the guests at The Orton yesterday.

PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS
POZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. 50c.

The Theatre

Good business and good performances made up the sum of yesterday's record at the Crystal Palace. Six big acts are being presented at the popular vaudeville theatre this week and each is coming in for hearty applause, this being especially so of the comedy sketch work of Ring and Williams, who give a rousing finish to the show. Miss Williams is also being heard in some most delightful singing. So the holiday offering at the Palace can well be proclaimed a big success, and, no doubt, big business will continue throughout the week. The Palace also yesterday had decorators to bedeck it with holly, flags and bright bunting, and it now presents a most festive and pretty Christmas time appearance. Last night another large turkey was given away. Every night this week a turkey will be given away at the Palace.

Week of Popular Prices.

All next week, save Thursday night, the Academy will offer a big popular price attraction in the well known and clever Four Pickerts. This popular organization, which is a big favorite in this city, will inaugurate its engagement Monday night, when the roaring farce comedy, "Hello Bill," will be presented. The play is one upon which a royalty is being paid and which has been pronounced one of the best opening bills ever presented by a popular price attraction. Following this will come other splendid plays and each will be interspersed with clever, dashing little Miss Blanche Pickert attractively to the front.

Biggest Minstrel Show of All.

On Thursday night of next week the Pickerts will give away to the Cohen and Harris Minstrels and in this organization Wilmington theatregoers will behold the most mammoth and the most expensive minstrel organization ever presented to the American public. The company is nearly one hundred strong and travels in most lavish style. Wilmington theatregoers may consider themselves exceedingly fortunate in having a date from this organization, and, no doubt, the Academy will be packed.

At the Bijou Today.

"The Lie," a story of the Franco Prussian War, is the title of the picture that will be shown at the Bijou today. It is one of unusual merit and dramatic strength. The film is a continuous chain of the most intensely dramatic situations, which are wonderfully well acted. The usual large audience will doubtless witness with specialties by the Four Pickerts, the presentation of the picture.

LOCAL DOTS.

—First Church of Christ, Scientist, Market and 17th streets: Services tonight at 8:15. All are invited.

—Mr. H. J. McCartney and Miss Margie Justice, of Hampstead, N. C., will be married in this city Friday, Christmas eve. The marriage will be of much interest to a number of friends.

—The schooner Lottie R. Russell, Capt. James, arrived yesterday from Philadelphia with cargo of fertilizers for the Wilmington Compress & Warehouse Company; vessel to Walter Smallbones, agent.

—Constable W. B. Savage early yesterday afternoon arrested Emory Williamson, colored, an employe at Merritt's wood yard, on a warrant charging him with abandonment. The trial will be before Justice George Harriss next Tuesday. The negro gave $50 bond with Mr. Merritt as surety.

E. C. ATKINS' SAWS.

Interesting Advertising Novelty at Wm. E. Springer & Company's.

The throngs of holiday shopers hurrying along the sidewalks this week are given pause at one of the show windows of the hardware store of Messrs. Wm. E. Springer & Co., No. 14 North Front street, where there is a most interesting exhibition of the famous silver steel saws made by E. C. Atkins & Company. Rigged up at a miniature work bench across which is a representation of a very heavy heart-pine plank, is an automaton likeness of a carpenter, typically dressed, and working away with his Atkins saw to a satisfaction that brings "the smile that won't wear off." Of course, the device is operated by a tiny electric motor in the understructure, but the most interesting part of the little contrivance is the carpenter's own demonstration of the tool with which he is at work. After he has sawed away with perfect ease for a moment, he unbends from his work, makes a polite bow to the crowd that he always attracts on the sidewalk and forthwith begins in pantomime a mute but most interesting argument in favor of the Atkins saw. Mr. Scott, a representative of the Atkins people, came all the way from Indianapolis to make the demonstration and he certainly attracted the crowds with his exhibit yesterday, the services of a policeman being needed a part of the time to keep the sidewalk clear.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Several Deeds Filed For Record at Court House Yesterday.

Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows:

J. H. LeGwin and wife to J. F. Sellars, for $100 and other considerations, lot on north side of Davis, 117 feet west of Third street, 33x66 feet in size.

C. D. Weeks and wife to Mary Elizabeth Duguid, for $100 and other considerations, lot on southwest corner of Ninth and Chestnut streets, 60x67 feet in size.

Samuel Bear, Jr., to D. L. Gore, for $100 and other considerations, two tracts of land in Cape Fear township, on the Northeast branch of the Cape Fear river, one containing 164 acres and the other 300 acres.

Kenneth Hurst to L. A. and B. L. Cavil, for $270, 200 acres of land in Harnett township, on Emma Nixon channel.

J. O. Carr, commissioner, to Mary E. Duguid, for $750, lot on north side of Church, 185 east of Sixth street, 35x60 feet in size.

COL. JOHN LUCAS CANTWELL

Veteran of Two Wars and Honored Wilmington Citizen and Soldier Passed Away at Late Hour Last Night.

Colonel John Lucas Cantwell, veteran of two wars, honored citizen and soldier, one of Wilmington's oldest and most beloved of men, passed away shortly before the stroke of last midnight at his home, No. 814 Princess street.

The end came peacefully at 11:40 o'clock with all members of the family at his bedside. He had been sinking for several hours but had retained consciousness almost up to the last moment. His passing was as if into a long sleep, a smile upon his countenance and his features giving no sign of regret or emotion other than that deep resignation which was always one of the characteristics of his long and useful life in yielding to the inevitable and the voice of his Master. Col. Cantwell had been in declining health for several years, due more to the infirmities of age than to other causes, and it was only his remarkable vitality that spared him to the family and loved ones for so long a time as he had lived. Up to the last, he was bright and cheerful, never murmuring, never complaining, tenderly devoted to his family and to his friends until the last. The news of his passing will be received with infinite regret everywhere he was known.

Col. Cantwell, while a man of the strongest convictions upon all subjects, never hesitating to express an opinion nor to defend a position, was yet genial and kindly and made friends of all who came within the range of his strong personality. Possessed of a high sense of honor, urbane and military in his bearings, he stood among his fellows, a type all too rare in this last generation. His presence and his influence was an inspiration to youth in which he ever took the kindliest interest. He was singularly devoted to the Confederacy and the city in this decade has lost no more valuable citizen in this regard. He made friends of the close and lasting kind and hundreds and hundreds in all walks of life will today mourn the loss of this good citizen and friend.

Col. Cantwell was born in Charleston, S. C., and would have been 81 years of age on the 29th of this month. He joined the famous Palmetto Regiment, of South Carolina, and valiantly fought the battles of his country when a mere youth during the Mexican War. Returning to the East after the close of this conflict, he located in New Orleans for a few years and served as a drug clerk there through three yellow fever epidemics, coming to Wilmington in 1851 and engaging in business, which was soon to be interrupted by another call to arms in the bloody conflict between the States from '61 to '65. On the 28th of April, 1858, Col. Cantwell married Miss Kate Theodosia Calder, a sister of Mrs. William Calder, of this city, and of this union there are now surviving an only son, Mr. Robert C. Cantwell. She passed away in 1863 and after the war, on April 20th, 1869, Col. Cantwell married a second time, Miss Kate Theodosia Blount, of Woodville, Miss., and she with three daughters and one son, now survive, having the tenderest sympathy of a host of friends here and elsewhere in the great sorrow that has come to them. The children surviving by this union are Miss Anna Cantwell, Mrs. F. L. Huggins, Miss Leonora Cantwell and Mr. Paul L. Cantwell, all of Wilmington.

Col. Cantwell was for 25 years secretary of the Wilmington Produce Exchange and Chamber of Commerce, but had devoted the closing years of his life to the profession of statistician, serving a large clientele here and at other ports in the United States. He was a man with a genius for detail and his reports of crop and port movements were a marvel of correctness and neatness. As one of the "Immortal Six Hundred", placed under the fire of the Federal fleet during the Civil War on Morris Island and later starved half to death at Fort Pulaski, he compiled a roster of that band of patriots and the original is now among other valuable papers which he has left. He, with his brother, the late Edward Cantwell, was one of the founders of the Wilmington Light Infantry as First Sergeant and was seven times its captain. Until his death there was no more devoted friend of the local organization than Col. Cantwell and there are no extremes to which the young men of this command would not go for him. Col. Cantwell was a member of Wilmington Lodge 319, A. F. & A. M., and also of Plantagenet Commandery, K. T. He was also a member of Cornelius Harnett Council, Royal Arcanum, and of the Hibernian Benevolent Society, to all of which fraternities he was ever faithful and true. His religious affiliation was with St. James' Protestant Episcopal church, of this city, and to these sacred vows of membership he remained steadfast to the end.

In addition to members of the family named, there are also surviving two half-sisters, Mrs. Mary O'Driscoll and Mrs. Fannie Langley, both of Charleston, S. C. These were notified last night of the death of their brother, but will hardly be able to attend the funeral services, the hour for which on Thursday will be announced later.

"Col. John Lucas Cantwell, of Wilmington, a veteran of two wars, was born at Charleston, S. C., December 29, 1828. From 1844 he resided at Columbia, S. C., until the beginning of the Mexican war, when he enlisted as a private in the Richland Rifle Guards Capt. William D. DeSaussure, which became Company H, of the Palmetto regiment. Col. Pierce M. Butler. Mustered in at Charleston, December, 1846, he served in Mexico with Gen. Scott, participating in the siege of Vera Cruz and the battles of Contreras, Churubusco, Molino del Rey, Chapultepec, and other engagements, until discharged at the City of Mexico on account of disabilities due to three wounds received at Churubusco. He left the Mexican capital in the same wagon train with Gens. Quitman and Chields, November 1, 1847, and returned to his parental home at Charleston. Subsequently he was at New Orleans three years, and in 1851 made his home at Wilmington, where, in 1853, he was one of the founders of the Wilmington Light Infantry, organized in January of that year. He served as First Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain, and in April, 1855, was elected Colonel of the Thirteenth Militia regiment.

"At the outbreak of the Confederate war he was also Clerk of the United States Court for the Cape Fear district, and a Magistrate for the county. In April, 1861, as commander of the only organized regiment in the State, he was ordered to take possession of Forts Caswell and Johnson, and in the performance of that duty he selected the following companies for his command: The Wilmington Light Infantry, Capt. W. L. DeRosset; the German Volunteers, Captain C. Cornehlson; the Rifle Guards, Capt. Oliver Pendleton Meares, and Capt John Hendrick's company, the Cape Fear artillery, under Lieut. James M. Stevenson. The Cape Fear Riflemen, Capt. M. M. Hankins, was left in Wilmington. Col. Cantwell seized the forts April 16, and remained in command at Fort Caswell until July after which he served with his former company, then Company G, Eighteenth regiment, at Coosawhatchie, S. C.; with the Seventh regiment, at Newbern; raised and commanded the Railroad Bridge Guard, which was on duty from Roanoke river, Virginia, to Livingston creek, near the South Carolina line; was Colonel of the Fifty-first regiment about one year, and, in November, 1863, joined the Army of Northern Virginia as Captain of the Cape Fear riflemen, Company F, Third North Carolina regiment. With this command he participated in the fighting of the Wilderness and Spottsylvania Courthouse, until captured with Johnson's division, May 12, 1864.

"He was confined at Fort Delaware until August 20, 1864, and then was one of the 600 Confederate officers placed under fire on Morris island and starved at Fort Pulaski. Returned to Fort Delaware in March, he was held there until May 27, 1865. He was one of the original members of the association of officers of the Third regiment, afterward the Third North Carolina Infantry Association, organized February, 1866, which is the first organization of Southern veterans."

DEATH OF YOUNG MAN

Mr. George E. Callahan Died at His Home at Abbottsburg.

Many friends learned with regret yesterday of the death of Mr. George E. Callahan, which occurred at his home at Abbottsburg, N. C., at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after an illness extending over a period of two years. The remains will be brought to this city today and the funeral will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the residence of Mrs. J. H. Dew, 416 Bladen street, conducted by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, assisted by Rev. C. F. Whitlock, pastor of Brooklyn Baptist Church.

The deceased was a son of Mr. and rs. J. L. Callahan, of Abbottsburg, and was in the 22nd year of his age. Besides, his father he is survived by his wife and one brother, Mr. E. J. Callahan.

Street Car Ran Into Hack.

Street hack No. 32 was run into by a southbound South Wilmington street car at corner of Front and Market street at 9:30 o'clock last night. The hack was pretty badly damaged, but the driver and occupants escaped uninjured. It appears that the hack was going in the same direction as the car and the driver attempted to cross the track a few feet in front of the car. Motorman E. N. Mallard stopped his car as soon as possible but not until after the crash came.

DIVORCE IN "HIGH LIFE"

Brokaw Shows What It Costs to Defend Suit—More Evidence.

New York, Dec. 21.—"What it costs to defend a separation suit in "high life", is the title of a statement given out at Mineola, L. I., today by counsel for W. Gould Brokaw whose wife is suing him for separation with alimony of $60,000 a year.

The tabulated items follow: Stenographers minutes $3,000; attendance of witnesses, car fare and board $4,000; plaintiffs counsel by order of court $8,000; for preparation and investigation of case $5,000; counsel for defendant $30,000. Total $50,000.

"It will show" added John R. McIntyre, Brokaw's lawyer, "that Mr. Brokaw's income is not $30,000 a year. He has been a generous spender, a prince of hosts, he has never engaged in any regular business and his income has dwindled greatly."

For the first time since the trial began Mrs. Brokaw was plainly out of countenance today. For one thing, her mother, Mrs. James A. Blair is severely ill of pneumonia at West Chester, her health undermined by the publicity of the trial. For another, the continued mention of cigarettes and cocktails in the evidence, plainly irritates the plaintiff increasingly.

Sidney Woods, the butler, who swore yesterday that somebody lashed Mrs. Brokaw's maid, Miss See, with a horse whip, and that "Mrs. Brokaw knew who" testified today that he usually mixed cocktails daily for Miss See, who disappeared with them in the direction of Mrs. Brokaw's room. OLga OLeander, a maid swore she had served Mrs. Brokaw with port wine in her room. She testified in addition that she had heard Mrs. Brokaw venture on mild profanity and one of her tasks was to clean cigarette stubs out of Mrs. Brokaw's bath room.

Dr. Robert Pou, at one time Mrs. Brokaw's physician testified that he had heard Mrs. Brokaw tell her husband to go to ——" and that she had applied to him one of the epithets which she complained in her testimony he had applied to her—"a d—— liar."

During this testimony Mrs. Brokaw's face was completely hidden and one small handkerchief succeeded another in journeys from her muff to her yes.

At another time when Mrs. Brokaw was angry with her husband, Dr. Pou testified that he heard her call Mr. Brokaw a "liar."

DIED.

CALLAHAN—At his home in Abbottsburg, N. C., at 1:30 P. M., December 21st, GEORGE E. CALLAHAN, in the 22nd year of his age.

Funeral from residence of Mrs. J. H. Dew, No. 416 Bladen street, this city, at 3 o'clock this (Wednesday) afternoon; friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

THERE WERE THREE FISHERS.

Further Particulars of Their Dealings With Onslow Banks.

The exact nature of the charge against Arthur Fisher, the young man wanted in Jacksonville and Richlands for passing worthless checks, and other particulars, which have been sadly lacking heretofore, were obtained by a Star representative yesterday.

It appears that three Fisher brothers, natives of Georgia, but whose mother was a native of Onslow county, arrived in this section some weeks ago and represented themselves as cotton dealers. One or two of them went to the People's Bank, Richlands, several days ago and deposited what purported to be a bill of lading for cotton shipped from Verona to a man named Gordon in Atlanta, Ga., with a draft for $460 attached. The Fishers stated that probably they would want to check on the amount and were given pass and check books. They then went to the Bank of Jacksonville and asked that a check on the People's Bank, Richlands, be cashed. The cashier hesitated and the Fishers told him to telephone the bank at Richlands, which he did. The cashier of the institution at Richlands could not give any assurance that the check would be good, so the check was not honored. Later one of the Fishers turned up at Richlands bank with a bogus telegram purporting to be from Gordon to this effect: "Let draft and bill of lading come. I'll protect." This information was given the cashier of the Bank at Jacksonville and when one of the Fishers again presented the check it was honored. He returned to the bank later and had a check for $60 cashed.

About the time the checks got to Richlands the draft on Gordon was returned from Atlanta unclaimed and unhonored. The cashier of the institution then got busy and it was ascertained that there was no cotton firm in Atlanta in which a Gordon was interested. Then it was that the alarm was given and officers made some sort of an effort to capture the Fishers—Arthur, H. G. and R. B.

It was stated yesterday by a man from Jacksonville that it looked like the Richlands' bank would have to stand the loss as it was on the advice of the cashier of that institution that checks were honored.

It was said yesterday that the Fishers represented themselves to be dealers in turpentine when they caught the Whiteville Bank for $500.

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MARKET QUOTATIONS

¶ The Latest Reports From the Important Trading Centers and From Local Dealers.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 21.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market, steady 52 1-2 cents.

ROSIN—Market, steady $3.60 per barrel.

TAR—Market, firm $1.90 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, $2.50 per barrel for hard; $4.00 for dip and $4.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine, nothing doing; rosin steady $2.30; tar firm $1.50; crude turpentine firm $1.50; $2.00 and $2.75.

Spirits turpentine	11
Rosin	2
Tar	215
Crude turpentine	17

Receipts, same day last year 12 casks spirits turpentine; 67 barrels rosin; 607 barrels tar; 57 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Quiet at 5-8c for middling.

Same day last year—Quiet, 8 7-8 cents.

Receipts—1,409 bales, same day last year 3,655 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith Dec. 18th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@70; extra prime, 72 1-2; fancy 75@80c; Virginia, prime 65@70; extra prime 75@80s; Spanish $1.00@$1.05.

CORN—Firm 90@95c per bushel for mixed.

N. C. HAMS—Good demand; hams 18c; shoulders 14@15; sides 14@15c.

EGGS—Good demand 27@28c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Spring 20@30; grown 35@40c; scarce.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Good demand at 2@3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDE—Dr. flint 14c; green 9c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Good demand 55@60c per bushel for new yams.

WOOL—Burr 18c.; free of burr 24c.

GEESE—50@55 per head.

PORK—Small 10c per pound; large 9c.

SHEEP—Old no demand; Lambs, dull $1.25@$2.50.

TURKEYS—Good demand 15@16c on foot; dressed 18@22c.

THE COTTON MARKET.

New York, Dec. 21.—After a quiet morning the cotton market became much more active and decidedly firmer today with prices on most positions making new high records for the season on a renewal of western bull support and covering. The close was off from the best and barely steady in tone, but last prices showed a net gain of from 8 to 21 points.

The market opened steady at an advance of 2 to 9 points in sympathy with the steady showing of the Liverpool market and gradually worked higher on local covering support from spot houses, covering of hedges by continental interests, and a little fresh buying encouraged by favorable views of the trade situation. The refusal of textile interests in Fall river to make Friday an extra holiday was considered a bullish factor as bearing upon conditions in the cotton goods trade, while advices from the south, claimed that there was a better spot demand for filling out December engagements. These considerations together with the steadiness of the market in face of recent liquidation, semed to render local short uneasy, and as soon as the covering movement started, houses with western connections became considerable buyers with January contracts selling up to 15.25 and May to 15.89 or from 22 to 23 points above the closing figures of last night. January led this advance on buybuying by spot houses and rumors that one of the leading spot interests in the trade was preparing to receive all cotton tendered on January contracts, while the Western buying was accompanied by rumors that Mrs. Patten was re-entering the market on the bull side. At the close January was quoted at 15.19 and May 15.82 bid. Southern spot markets officially reported early were unchanged to 1-16c higher. Slightly larger receipts are supposed to reflect "Christmas cotton" and the fact that these offerings have been absorbed without any sign of weakness in the spot situation, figured largely in the days buying motives.

Receipts at the ports today were 48,200 bales against 44,472 last week and 76,528 last year. For the week 200,000 bales against 203,135 last week and 386,336 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 6,473 bales against 28,741 last year and at Houston 6,793 bales against 21,142 last year.

Cotton: Spot closed quiet 20 points higher; middling uplands 15.40; middling gulf 15.65; sales 200 bales.

Futures opened easy and closed barely steady.

Month.	Open.	Close.
December	14.95	15.10
January	15.04	15.19
February	.....	15.37
March	15.40	15.52
April	.....	15.64
May	15.70	15.82
June	15.61	15.72
July	15.69	15.79
August	15.40	15.51
September	14.15	14.21
October	13.48	13.54

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Steady, 15 1-8; net receipts 22,616; stock 222,619.

New Orleans—Steady, 15 3-16; net receipts 6,473; stock 170,504.

Mobile—Steady, 15; net receipts 2,157; stock 53,355.

Savannah—Steady, 14 11-16; net receipts 5,630; stock 134,510.

Charleston—Firm, 14 5-8; net receipts 441 stock 35,414.

Wilmington—Quiet, 14 5-8; net receipts 1,469; stock 24,064.

Norfolk—Steady, 15, 2,809; stock 40,523.

Baltimore—Nominal; 15 1-8; stock 14,084.

New York—Quiet, 15.40; stock 130,291.

Boston—Quiet, 15.40; net receipts 20.

Philadelphia—Steady, 15.45; stock 3,500.

Pensacola—Net receipts 5,500.

Georgetown—Net receipts 25.

Total today, at all ports, net receipts, 48,209; France 6,400; stock 887,926.

Consolidated, at all ports, net receipts 322,491; Great Britain 23,117; France 6,400; Continent 18,346; Mexico 1,300.

Total since September 1st, at all ports, net receipts 4,708,250; Great Britain 1,235,881; France 683,711; Continent 1,418,200; Japan 18,894; Mexico 9,855.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 15; net receipts 6,793; stock 111,119.

Augusta—Firm, 15 1-8; net receipts 1,700; stock 70,105.

Memphis—Firm, 15 1-4; net receipts 2,005; stock 211,236.

St. Louis—Steady; 15 1-4; net receipts 595; stock 42,558.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 787; stock 9,527.

Little Rock—Quiet, 14 5-8; net receipts 1,170; stock 54,059.

Louisville—Firm, 15 3-8.

Total today—Net receipts 13,059; gross receipts 18,865; shipments 13,991; sales 4,683; stock 497,604.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET

Liverpool, Dec. 21.—Spot dull, prices 7 points higher. American middling fair 8.46; good middling 8.20; middling 8.08; low middling 7.98; good ordinary 7.72; ordinary 7.47.

The sales of the day were 5,000 bales of which 500 were for speculation and export and incinded 3,800 American. Receipts 8,000 bales including 1,700 American.

Futures opened dull and closed steady. December 7.92; December and January 7.92; January and February 7.93; February and March 7.98 1-2; March and April 8.01 1-2; April and May 8.03; May and June 8.04 1-2; June and July 8.03 1-2; July and August 8.02; August and September 7.73 1-2; September and October 7.21 1-2; October and November 6.99 1-2; November and December 6.91 1-2.

LICK BROS. & CO., COTTON LETTER.

New York, Dec. 21.—Today's cotton market was quiet but notably steady. It displayed a creeping upward tendency and showed remarkable absorption power. Part of the buying may have been for the covering of scattered shorts while recent sellers among the bulls were so impressed by the firmness of the market that they were inclined to take back their cotton before the holidays. Undubtedly as good many people are waiting to buy on any decline and if none is forthcoming, they may be inclined to remove their limits after Christmas. There was very little news on the situation. Southern spot business for any day in a month. The weather is very cold throughout the southwest but of course this is hardly a factor at the present time.

DICK BROS. & CO.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 21.—Cotton goods held very steady. Yarns are quiet and firm. Larger inquiries are coming forward for dry goods for Manila. Jobbing trade is reported seasonable and advance orders are proving good. Retail holiday trade continues very active.

THE STOCK MARKET.

New York, Dec. 21.—Operators in stocks kept one eye on the money market today and seemed to be suspicious of possible developments in the field, in spite of superficial tranquility there. The heavy calling of loans by some of the banks yesterday was followed by a rise above 5 per cent. in the call loan rate late today. The body of the security list was intert today and the only perceptible play of prices was in specialties which are not usually leaders in comprehensive stock movements.

Even in these the movements were not sustained. Consolidated gas had another advance on repetition on rumors of a melon cutting but lost all of its advance later. The disproof of the rumors which carried up Atlantic Coast Line group has provee discouraging to followers of this kind of vague reports.

The Atlantic Coast Line collateral bonds today fell back to about the level they started from on the sensational upward movement of last week. The copper stocks enjoyed a brief spurt of activity and strength on no other news than the steps taken in the Guggenheim merger heretofore reported, and an advance in the price of lead by the American Smelting Company. Rumors of coming dividend increases were effective in moving some industrial stocks. The market leaders, such as the great railroad stocks and United States Steel were under more or less pressure. Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value were $3,449,000. United States 2s advanced 1-8 per cent. on call. Total sales of stocks today were 474,700 shares.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 21.—Money on call firm 4 to 5 per cent., ruling rate 4.7-8, closing bids 4 7-8, offered at 4 7-8. Time loans soft and fairly active. Sixty days 4 1-2 per cent.; ninety days 4 1-4 to 4 1-2; six months 4 1-4. Prime mercantile paper 5 to 5 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange steady with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8466 to 4.8470 for sixty day bills and at 4.8819 for demand. Commercial bills 4.84 to 4.84 1-2. Bar silver 52 3-8. Mexican dollars 44. Government bonds firm.

N. Y. BONDS.

U. S. ref. 2s, registered	101 1-2
U. S. ref 2s coupon	101 1-2
U. S. 3s, registered	101 3-4
U. S. 3s, coupon	101 3-4
U. S. 3s, coupon	101 3-4
U. S. 4s, registered	114 1-2
U. S. 4s, coupon	115 1-2
Allis Chalmers 1st 5s	84
American Agricultural 5s	102 1-8
American Tel. & Tel. cv 4s	105 1-8
American Tobacco 4s	77 1-2
American Tobacco 6s	106
Armour & Co. 4 1-2s	94 1-2
Atchison gen. 4s	100
Atchison cv. 4s	109
Atchison cv. 4s	121 1-4
Atchison cv 5s	121 1-4
Atlantic Coast Line 1st 4s	95
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	99
Baltimore & Ohio 3 1-2s	92 3-4
Baltimore & Ohio S. W. 3 1-2s	90 1-2
Brooklyn Transit cv. 4s	95 3-4
Central of Georgia 5s	108 3-4
Central Leather 5s	99
Central R. R. of N. J. gen. 5s	125
Chesapeake & Ohio 4 1-2s	102 3-4
Chesapeake & Ohio ref 5s	105
Chicago & Alton 3 1-2s	73 1-2
Chicago, B. & Q. joint 4s	97 1-8
Chicago, B. & Q. gen. 4s	99 1-2
Chicago, Mil. & St. P. gen. 3 1-2s	88 7-8
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col. 4s	79 7-8
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col. 5s	102 1-4
Chicago, R. I. & P. Ry. rfg. 4s	90 3-4
Colorado Industrial 5s	84 1-2
Colorado Midland 4s	80 1-2
Colo. & Southern ref. & ext. 4 1-2s	98
Delaware & Hudson cv. 4s	102
Denver & Rio Grande 4s	95 1-2
Denver & Rio Grande ref 5s	94 1-2
Distillers 5s	74
Erie prior lien 4s	85 3-8
Erie gen. 4s	76 1-2
Erie cv. 4s series "A"	81 3-8
Erie cv. 4s series "B"	73 1-2
General Electric cv. 5s	147
Illinois Central 1st ref 4s	99 1-4
Interborough Met 4 1-2s	83 3-4
Inter. Merc. Marine 4 1-2s	71
Japan 4s	88
Japan 4 1-2s	94 1-4
Kansas City Southern 1st 3s	73 1-2
Lake Shore deb. 4s (1931)	94 5-8
Louisville & Nash. Un. 4s	100 1-8
Missouri, Kan. & Texas 1st 4s	99
Mo., Kan. & Texas gen. 4 1-2s	91
Missouri Pacific 4s	81 3-4
National Rys. of Mexico 4 1-2s	94 1-4
New York Central gen. 3 1-2s	91 1-4
New York Central deb. 4s	95 3-4
Norfolk & Western 1st con. 4s	134 1-2
Norfolk & Western cv. 4s	102
Northern Pacific 4s	102 3-4
Northern Pacific 3s	73 1-2
Oregon Short Line rfdg 4s	94 1-4
Penn. cv. 3 1-2s, (1915)	96 1-8
Penn. Con. 4s	104 1-8
Reading Gen. 4s	96 1-2
St. Louis & San Fran. fg 4s	84 3-4
St. Louis & San Fran. gen. 5s	88 5-8
St. Louis S'western con. 4s	79 1-2
St. Louis S'western 1st gold 4s	93 1-8
Seaboard Air Line 4s	84 1-8
Southern Pacific col. 4s	91 1-4
Southern Pacific cv. 4s	104 1-8
Southern Pacific R. R. 1st ref. 4s	94 5-8
Southern Railway 5s	111 1-4
Southern Railway gen. 4s	81 1-2
Union Pacific 4s	102 1-4
Union Pacific cv. 4s	116
Union Pacific 1st and ref 4s	98
U. S. Rubber 6s	104 3-4
U. S. Steel 2nd 5s	105
Virginia Car. Chemical 5s	98 5-8
Wabash 1st 5s	111 1-2
Wabash 1st and ext 4s	76 1-2
Western Md., 4s	85 1-4
Westinghouse Electric cv 5s	93
Wisconsin Central 4s	94 1-4

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Allis Chalmers pfd	54
Amalgamated Copper	88 3-4
American Agricultural	47 1-8
American Beet Sugar	40 1-2
American Can pfd	81 1-2
American Car & Foundry	71 3-4
American Cotton Oil	68
American Hide & Leather pfd	46 1-2
American Ice Securities	25 1-2
American Linseed	16 7-8
American Locomotive	60 1-2
American Smelting & Refng	101 3-8
Amer. Smelting & Refng. pfd	111
American Sugar Refining	121 3-8
American Tel. & Tel.	142 1-4
American Tobacco, pfd	96 1-4
American Woolen	37
Anaconda Mining Co.	49 3-4
Atchison	121 5-8
Atchison pfd	104 3-4
Atlantic Coast Line	136 1-4
Baltimore & Ohio	117 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	91
Bethleham Steel	33 5-8
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	80 3-8
Canadian Pacific	179
Central Leather	47 1-4
Central Leather pfd	108 1-8
Central of New Jersey	315
Chesapeake & Ohio	87
Chicago & Alton	37 5-8
Chicago Great Western	21 1-4
Chicago & Northwestern	181
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	157 3-4
C., C. C. & St. Louis	82 3-8
Colorado Fuel & Iron	50 1-2
Colorado & Southern	33
Colorado & Southern 1st pfd	81
Colorado & Southern 2nd pfd	80
Consolidated Gas	150 1-4
Corn Products	22 1-4
Delaware & Hudson	184
Denver & Rio Grande	51 5-8
Denver & Rio Grande pfd	85 3-4
Distillers' Securities	37
Erie	34
Erie 1st pfd	50
Erie 2nd pfd	40
General Electric	160
Great Northern pfd	143 1-4
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	80 3-4
Illinois Central	147 1-4
Interborough Met	24 1-2
Interborough Met pfd	61 1-8
Inter Harvester	115 1-2
Inter Marine pfd	23 3-4
International Paper	16
International Pump	49 3-4
Iowa Central	20
Kansas City Southern	44 1-4
Kansas City Southern pfd	71
Louisville & Nashville	157 1-8
Minneapolis & St. Louis	51
Minn., St. P. & Sault St. M.	138 3-8
Missouri Pacific	71 1-4
Missouri, Kan. & Texas, pfd	24
National Biscuit	115
National Lead	89
Nat'l Rys. of Mexico 1st pfd	58
New York Central	123
New York, Ontario & Western	49 1-8
Norfolk & Western	90 1-2
North American	84
Northern Pacific	145 1-4
Pacific Mail	41
Pennsylvania	135 1-2
People's Gas	115 3-4
Pittsburg, C. C. & St. Louis	97 5-8
Pressed Steel Car	51
Pullman Palace Car	188
Railway Steel Spring	59 1-2
Reading	170 1-2
Republic Steel	46
Republic Steel pfd	104 1-2
Rock Island Co.	44 3-4
Rock Island Co. pfd	91 3-4
St. Louis & San Fran. 2nd pfd	57 3-4
St. Louis Southwestern	32 7-8
St. Louis Southwestern pfd	80 3-8
Sloss Sheffield Stel & Iron	86 1-2
Southern Pacific	133 7-8
Southern Railway	31 7-8
Southern Railway pfd	73 1-4
Tennessee Copper	38 1-2
Texas & Pacific	35 1-8
Toledo, St. Louis & West	52 7-8
Toledo, St. Louis & West. pfd	70 1-2
Union Pacific	202 5-8
Union Pacific pfd	103 1-2
United States Realty	81 1-2
United States Rubber	53 3-8
United States Steel	91 3-8
United States Steel pfd	124 3-4
Utah Copper	60 1-2
Virginia Carolina Chemical	51 3-8
Wabash	21 3-8
Wabash pfd	58 5-8
Western Maryland	33 1-2
Westinghouse Electric	81 1-4
Western Union	77 1-4
Wheeling & Lake Erie	9 1-8
Wisconsin Central	48
Standard Oil Co.	666

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 21.—Flour steady.

Rye Flour—Steady.

Buckwheat Flour—Steady.

Corn Meal—Steady.

Rye—Steady.

Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red 1.28 to 1.30 elevator, domestic and 1.29 nominal fob afloat Options closed 1-4 to 1 1-4c net lower. December 1.25; May 1.18 3-4; July 1.19 7-8.

Corn—Spot steady; No. 2, 71 elevator domestic, 71 1-2 delivered and 69 1-2 fob afloat nominal. Options closed unchanged. December 71; May 75.

Oats—Spot firm; mixed 47. Options closed unchanged. May 47 3-4.

Pork—Steady

Lard—Easy.

Tallow—Steady.

Petroleum—Steady.

Rice—Quiet.

Molasses—Firm.

Sugar—Raw easy; refined quiet.

Coffee—Futures closed unchanged to 1-4 higher. Spot steady; Rio No. 7, 8 1-2 to 8 5-8; Santos No. 4, 9c. Mild quiet; Cordova 9 to 11 1-2.

Butter—Strong; Creamery specials 37 1-2; extras 36 1-2.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

EGgs—Strong; state, Pennsylvania and nearby hennery white fancy 45 to 50; do gathered white 36 to 42; do hennery, brown and mixed fancy 42 to 43; do gathered brown fair to prime 35 to 41; western extra first 36 to 38; first 32 to 35; seconds 29 to 31; refrigerators 21 to 25.

Potatoes—Easy, unchanged.

Cabbages—Firm, unchanged.

Freights and Peanuts—Unchanged.

The coffee exchange will be closed December 25 to 27, and January 1.

Cotton seed oil market was firm, closing at a net advance of 3 to 12 points with sales of 21,200 barrels. Near the close there was a slight setback under realizing. January 7.63 to 7.65; March 7.68 to 7.69; May 7.73 to 7.74; July 7.77 to 7.81. Prime crude 6.67; prime summer yellow 7.67 to 7.69; prime winter yellow 7.75 to 8.60; prime summer white 7.87 to 8.50.

THE GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Wheat prices declined still further today owing to renewed selling by leading holders. At the close prices were 1-2 to 5-8c to 1 1-4c below the previous close. Coarse grain and provisions also closed weak

	Opening.	Highest.	Closing.
Wheat—			
Dec.	1 16 1-4	1 16 3-4	1 16
May	1 13 1-4	1 13 1-8	1 11 7-8
July	1 03	1 03 1-2	1 02 1-8
Corn—			
Dec.	62 7-8	62 7-8	61 3-4
May	67	67 1-4	66 3-8
July	68 7-8	67 1-8	66
Oats—			
Dec.	44 7-8	44 1-2	44
May	45 1-2	45 7-8	45 3-8
July	43 1-8	43 1-2	43
Mess Pork, per 100 lbs.			
Jan.	21 77 1-2	21 77 1-2	21 72 1-2
May	21 90	21 92 1-2	21 72 1-2
Lard, per 100 lbs.—			
Jan.	12 87 1-2	12 87 1-2	12 75
May	12 02 1-2	12 02 1-2	11 90
July	11 97 1-2	11 97 1-2	11 87 1-2
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—			
Jan.	11 70	11 70	11 52 1-2
May	11 47 1-2	11 47 1-2	11 30
July	11 42 1-2	11 42 1-2	11 27 1-2

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Dec. 21.—Turpentine and rosin quiet.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 21.—Turpentine firm 53 1-4; sales 400; receipts 700; shipments 1,03. Rosin firm; sales 2,275; receipts 3,407; shipments 900; stock 144,000. Quote: A. B. C., 3.97 1-2; D, 3. 90; E, 3.87 1-2 to 3.92 1-2; F, 3.90 to 3.95; G, 3.90 1-2 to 4.00; H, 4.05 to 4.10; I, 4.55; K, 5.65; M, 5.90; N, 6.15; WG, 6.25; WW, 6.75.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 21.—Turpentine quiet 53 1-2. Rosin quiet. Quote: A. B. C. 3.87 1-2; D, 3.90; E, 3.92 1-2; F, 3.95; G, 3.97 1-2; H, 4.07 1-2; I, 4.55; K, 5.65; M, 5.90; N, 6.15; WG, 6.25; WW, 6.75.

MARINE

ARRIVED.

Br. str. Kenley, 2,431 tons, Wilson, West Coast South America via Charleston, Walter Smallbones, Agent.

Br. str. Hyperia, 2,518 tons, Enos, New York, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Duplin, Stokes, Smith's Bridge, J. A. Munn.

Schr. Lottie R. Russell, 266 tons, James, Philadelphia, C. D. Mafflit.

CLEARED.

Str. Navahoe, Hale, Georgetown, S. C., H. G. Smallbones.

Str. City of Fayetteville, Smith, Fayetteville, C. F. Love.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 21, 1909.

W. & W. Railroad—15 bales cotton.

W., C. & A. Railroad—903 bales cotton, 4 barrels tar, 13 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—461 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 146 barrels tar.

Str. Allce—8 casks spirits turpentine 2 barrels rosin, 19 barrels tar.

Str. Duplin—4 barrels crude turpentine.

Scar. Missouri—12 barrels tar.

Schr. H. & R. Royal—32 barrels tar.

Total—1,469 bales cotton, 11 casks spirits turpentine, 2 barrels rosin, 213 barrels tar, 17 barrels crude turpentine.

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List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, N. C.

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Kenley (Br.) 2,431 tons, Wilson, Walter Smallbones, Agent.

Hyperia (Br.) 2,518 tons, Enos, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Harlyn, (Br.) 2,224 tons, Bird, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

F. & T. Lupton, 797 tons, Longstreet, C. D. Mafflt.

Blanche (Br.) 165 tons, Albury, Springer Coal Company.

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Lottie R. Russell, 266 tons, James, C. D. Mafflt.

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Miss Thelma Fillyaw	785	Brotherhood Railway Clerks.	359
Major Johnson	206	Miss Lydia Davis	240
Miss Fenley, for Hospital	209	Miss Lillian Vaughn	261
Mrs. C. Williams	2,502	W. E. Jays	321
St. John's Sunday School	2,686	Miss Mallie Houston	977
Miss Viola East	311	Fenley Bros.	1,649
D. Hendricks	217	Naval Reserves	206
First Presbyterian S. S.	207		

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THE WEATHER

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 22, 1909.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 8 P. M. Tuesday, Dec. 21st:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 28 degrees; 8 P. M. 39 degrees; minimum 45 degrees; minimum 27 degrees; mean 36 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month, 2.20 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Monday 4 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Generally fair, continued cold Wednesday and Thursday, variable winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 22.

Sun Rises.....7:14 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:07 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 45 min.
High water at Southport 3:48 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 6:48 A. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. O. Schuster—Gift Jewelry.
Crystal Palace—Six Big Acts.
C. W. Yates & Co.—Book Gifts.
Rodolph Duffy—Announcement.
Masonic Temple Corporation—For Rent.

Business Locals.

Lost—Pair of Child's Shoes.
C. D. Gilbert & Bros—Lost Money Louise.

URGE CHANGES IN

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the gross operating revenues of all railroads in the United States were $2,461,521,345, and the operating income (derived by substracting operating expenses and taxes) was $656,418,321. For 1909, the operating revenue was $2,494,115,589, and the operating income $742,987,191, indicating an increase for 1909 of $32,594,244 in gross earnings and $86,568,870 in net earnings. The average number of miles operated in 1908 was 228,164 and in 1909, 233,002. The large increase in net as compared with gross earnings is accounted for by a reduction of operating expenses in 1909 below those of 1908 of $59,224,983.

The Complaints.

The report indicates that a larger number of formal complaints was filed with the Commission in 1909 than in 1908. During the last year 1,097 formal proceedings were instituted and during the same period 788 formal cases were disposed of. Approximately 9,000 informal complaints, of which about half involved informal reparation claims, were adjusted during the year. Six hundred and one hearings and investigations—an average of two for each working day—all involving alleged violations of the interstate commerce act, were held at sessions of the Commission in Washington and in various cities of the country, at which 61,000 pages of testimony were taken.

Criminal Indictments.

Since December 1st, 1908, 35 indictments for criminal violations of the interstate commerce law have been returned and 42 prosecutions have been concluded. Practically all of the prosecutions were for some form of rebate or concessions. The fines collected under these indictments aggregated $304,233.84. The opinion is expressed that violations of the law, such as rebating in one form or in another, is decreasing.

Safety Appliance Law.

Some account is given of the proceedings had during the year in the enforcement of the safety appliance law, and the Commission states that the results in this respect are gratifying. In 1903 the number of men employed in coupling and uncoupling cars for each one killed was 349, while in 1908 the number for each one killed was 983. The number of men employed in coupling and uncoupling cars for each one injured in 1893 was 13, while in 1908 it was 62. State in another way, the number of men killed in coupling and uncoupling cars for each 1,000 employed was 3 in 1893, and 1 in 1908, while the number of injuries for each 1,000 men employed in this service was 77 in 1893 and 16 in 1908.

In that part of the report devoted to statistics and accounts detailed figures respecting railroad operations for 1908 and 1909 are given, and the work of the Commission in the formulation of a uniform system of accounting is described, and satisfaction is expressed with the results obtained.

THE FAYETTEVILLE INDEX.

Mr. James A. Parham Becomes Sole Editor and Proprietor.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 21.—The Fayetteville Index tomorrow will announce that Mr. James A. Parham, who has been editor and manager of the paper since its establishment, has purchased from Mr. Jno. A. Oates his half interest in the Index Printing Company, thus becoming sole owner of the paper and plant. There will be no change in he location or conduct of the business. The Index established last February, has had phenomenal growth and success.

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REBELS DEFEATED

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has made a vow for the early termination of the war. I wish to pay tribute to the ability and integrity of my successor. I am confident that his administration will be beneficial."

The words of the President were greeted with applause. In accepting office he said: "I assume the Presidency unmoved by personal ambition, but by the spirit of a good son going to the rescue of his beloved mother harrassed and imperilled. I shall not be able to restore peace and prosperity unaided, and I ask for the assistance of all true patriots. My aim shall be to make Nicaragua a united family and my only programme, peace with honor, justice and liberty and the maintenance of friendly relations with foreign nations and particularly with Central America."

Following the administration of the oath, salutes were fired by the artillery, accompanied by the ringing of church bells. Later, groups of men paraded the streets, crying "Death to Zelaya", "Viva Estrada". There was no interferance by the police.

President Madriz later read a decree announcing political amnesty and the release of the inmates of the penitentiary. This was greeted with tremendous cheering.

Minister Irias attempted to speak, but he was cried down, and desisted after futile efforts had been made to quell the hostile demonstration.

During the riots at Granda Ridolph Downing, an American citizen who was born at Granda, was arrested.

TAFT PARDONS CAROLINIANS

John Leonard and Charles Williams Given Their Freedom.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Christmas gifts in the shape of pardons and commutations of sentences granted by President Taft were announced at the Department of Justice today.

As an incident of the land frauds which sprang up against resident owners and carried on by squads in Southern Georgia, George Charles Clements was convicted of conspiracy and murder, committed at Normandale and sentenced early in 1891 to imprisonmen for life. President Taft has commuted the sentence to expire immediately.

Pardons were granted in two North Carolina postoffice cases, those of John T. Leonard sentenced to five years imprisonment for breaking in the office at Dunn, and that of Charlie Williams, sentenced for a like term for a similar offense.

For the purpose of restoring civil rights a pardon has been granted Albert Smith, sentenced 12 years ago at Paris, Texas, for a brief term of imprisonment for receiving stolen property.

FOR CONFEDERATE ABBEY

Site Selected Yesterday by Confederate Memorial Association.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 21.—The executive committee of the Confederate Memorial Association, which consists of General Robert White, of West Virginia, chairman, Colonel Thomas S. Kenan, of North Carolina, Colonel J. M. Hickey, of Washington, D. C., and Judge George L. Christian and Lieutenant Governor J. Taylor Ellyson, of Richmond, met here today and unanimously approved the site recently chosen by the city for the proposed Confederate battle abbey.

The site is a triangular piece of ground bounded by Monument avenue, West Franklin street, and Cleveland street. It is in the newest, most rapidly growing and most fashionable part of the city. It is supposed that plans for the construction of the abbey will now be proceeded with vigorously.

FIVE BURNED TO DEATH.

Whole Family Perished When Frame House Was Destroyed.

New York, Dec. 21.—Five persons were burned to death today in a fire that destroyed a frame dwelling house in Sherwood Park, Yonkers. All the dead were members of the family of Theodore Fredericks who lost his life in the fire together with his wife and their three children.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

To the Voters of the Third Congressional District of North Carolina.

I hereby announce myself a candidatee for the Democratic nomination for a seat in the 62nd Congress of the United States from the Third District of North Carolina.

This decision is not alone the exercise of an individual right, the prompting of a personal ambition, nor a yielding to the kind solicitations of many Democrats from my own county, but also the response to many solicitations throughout the District.

If honored by my fellow citizens with this nomination and elected, I shall endeavor in the future, as in the past, to promote the highest interest of the Democratic party, and the welfare of my country.

RODOLPH DUFFY.

Hon. Rodolph Duffy For Congress.

In support of the action of the committee, appointed by the mass meeting held in the court house in the town of Jacksonville, North Carolina, on the 4th day of October, 1909, we, the citizens of Onslow county, take great pleasure in giving our hearty approval, and endorsement, of the candidacy of the Hon. Rodolph Duffy for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Third Congressional District of North Carolina; and in so doing we do not deem it necessary to enter into any extended eulogy of his virtues or ability, as these are only too well known throughout the District, so, we simply give our unqualified support to his candidacy, having the profoundest faith in his fitness in every way to make an ideal Congressman. If other reasons are to be assigned aside from the qualifications of the man we present, we call upon the District to remember the dark days of 1898, when the Democratic Sun of political hope was obscured by the dark veil of Fusionism, when the Congressional, Judicial and Senatorial nominations were unsought, because they meant only humiliation and defeat. That through and by the self-sacrificing and patriotic services of the Stalwart Democracy of Onslow they were all redeemed, Onslow alone giving majorities greater in all these elections than the majorities by which the Democratic candidates in these Districts were elected.

In consideration of the heroic services of the Democracy of the county of Onslow, and the undisputable fitness of her candidate, we appeal to the Democrats of the Third Congressional District to rally to our aid in nominating a man for Congress whose fidelity and constancy to Democracy has been as unchanging as the eternal hills.

(Signed.) Frank Thompson, F. W. Hargett, J. ... Burton, R. P. Hinton, W. M. Edwards, D. J. Hudson, H. O. Morton, W. M. Cameron, O. K. Burton, Hosea Brown, W. A. Petteway, T. B. Henderson, W. A. Burton, G. W. Kellum, G. W. Watters, C. D. Williams, William Ramsey, Geo. H. Bender, R. C. Warlick, J. D. Costin, D. T. Costin, Jas. D. Shackelford, J. T. Grissom, J. O. Wortman, Jas. Curganus, J. D. Marshburn, J. W. Canady, E. V. Chadwick, M. T. Klein, M. C. Dawson, M. B. Humphrey, J. L. Humphrey, B. F. Ketchum, Hugh Cox, R. D. Watters, L. D. Seawell, Geo. A. Hurst, E. F. Craft, W. H. Parker, Jerry Pittman, B. H. Strange, J. B. Kellum, H. V. Grant, Daniel Raynor, T. J. Capps, W. F. Medford, B. S. Cole, D. J. Sanders, J. A. Pittman, C. S. Pittman, M. M. Capps, G. A. Walton and hundreds of others.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

LOST—Pair of child's shoes, size 5 1-2. Lost between Kress and Grace street. Return to 709 Grace street. de 22 1t

LOST MONEY LOUISE—In days gone by but now I'm wise. I've found where and how to make money by shipping my raw furs, hides, tallow, wool, beeswax, worm seed, produce etc., to C. D. Gilbert & Bro., 212 Market street. de 7 tf

OUR VARIETY COMPLETE—It will pay you to see our variety of meats, fruits, and vegetables before buying for Christmas. Everything good to eat. Palace Market. Phones 72 and 652. de 21 tf

HUYLER'S & ALLEGRETTI'S fresh chocolates and bon bons just received. Fresh ground cocoanut 15c per quart. Fireworks cheap and all kinds at Plummer's. de 21 3t

MALAGA GRAPES, fine yellow bananas, Florida oranges, California pears, and grape fruit. Xmas candies from 5c a pound up. See my line at 10 and 15c. Extra Fine Lowney chocolates and a better grade at 25c per pound, at Plummer's. de 21 3t

FOR SALE—Engines. To reduce our stock of machinery before December 31st, we will sacrifice the following: 14x20 inches H. S. & G. and 18x24 inches, Stearns slide valve engines—14x20 Atlas four valve-16 inch and 18x36 inches Ball compound. Greensboro Supply Co., Dept. W., Greensboro, N. C. de 21 6t

EGGS, EGGS—FRESH EGGS—On account of the cold weather and scarcity of eggs, we will sell as long as they last at the very low price of 32 cents per dozen. We sell for cash and make no deliveries. We have all the sweet oranges in the State. No one else has them at 15 cents a dozen. Yours truly 311 North Front street. de 21 2t

MECHANICS Home Association, 39th series B. & L. stock opens January 1st, 1910. Subscribe now. Walker Taylor, president; W. M. Cumming, secretary and treasurer. de 15 tf ex su.

FOR RENT—That desirable seven-room cottage No. 712 Chesnut street. All modern conveniences. Apply on premises or 315 South Fifth street. de 19 tf.

FOR RENT—New, up-to-date apartment, having all the conveniences of a modern home, northeast corner of Fifth and Ann streets. Possession given immediately. Apply to W. G. Whitehead, 'phone 229 or 408. de 19 tf.

FOR RENT—Store No. 116 Market, between Front and Second streets. This is one of the largest and best fitted-up stores in the city. Suitable for most any kind of business, fine location, size of store 25x120 feet, with large plate glass show window, fine shelving and counters. Granolithic sidewalk. Public alley in rear. B. H. J. Ahrens. de 19 6t

FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished dwelling on North Third street, near Walnut. Smith & Lord agents, Insurance and Real Estate, 120 Princess street 'phone 766. Also have dwellings in other good locations. de 19 tf.

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HANOVER B. & L. Association will open its ninth series on January 1st 1910. Books will be open for two weeks beginning with next Saturday and lasting until Saturday, January 8th. Will only sell 500 shares in this series and if you want stock come in early and notify the secretary at Wilder's Real Estate office, No. 207 Princess street and he will be glad to reserve stock for you. No better way to begin the new year. Every dollar saved is a dollar made. John J. Fowler, president; J. W. Yates, vice president; C. D. Weeks, attorney; H. F. Wilder, secretary and treasurer. de 19 tf

OUR FRIENDS who wish to buy our fruits will please send in all orders by Tuesday evening. The Hicks Company, 311 North Front street. de 19tf

GIVE US YOUR ORDERS for your Christmas turkeys, geese, chickens and eggs. We will have them arriving every day this week. C. D. Gilbert & Co., 212 Market street. de 19 6t

SHIP ME your eggs, poultry, hams, hides, beeswax and any kind of produce. Will pay highest market prices and make prompt returns. N. C. Hams a specialty. C. B. Bellois, 16 North Second street. 'Phone 1576. de 12 tf

WANTED—The shaving public to know that we now have six white barbers at "The Orton" Sanitary Shop. We beg for a trial; it will be up to us to hold your trade. no 24 1m.

KEEP YOUR EYE on our show case. The display will be changed frequently. Every time we change it will be better. The Gem Studio, Foltz & Kendrick, 114 Market street. no 27 tf.

HEADQUARTERS FOR FIREWORKS—Let us have your orders, wholesale and retail. One car load must be sold. Prices very low. Farriss' Bakery. de 3 tf

PHOTOGRAPHS — Enlargements, copying, framing, viewing and fine photographic work of every description. At the U. C. Ellis Studio. no 18 tf

NOTICE TO HOLIDAY SHOPPERS—I have just received the most complete line of electric and gas portables and artistic chandeliers ever shown in Wilmington. Prices range from $3.00 to $50.00. I also have a complete line of electric novelties to select from. Do not make your purchase until you have looked over my stock. Store open until 10 P. M., through the holidays. J. O. Brock, 123 Market street, 'phone 573. de 15 tf

QUIAL ON TOAST. Lynnhaven Bay Oysters and all other delicacies of the season with the usual substantials that go to make up a first class bill of fare at any cafe. The Junction Restaurant, "Just at the Corner," convenient to all trains, suburban line, etc. Open day and night, Sundays too. no 30 tf

SULTANA OLIVE OIL—Mr. Vadadi, the Sultana agent here, has arranged to have this oil distributed in the future by Hall's drug store, Fifth and Castle. Pints 50c. Quarts $1.00. Phone orders filled promptly. no 4 tf

FOR SALE—One upright Piano to avoid storage. Price $80.00 original value $300.00. Apply at 312 North Fourth street. de 16 1w

UNREDEEMED diamonds will be displayed in our jewelry window at Uncle Charles' Pawn Shop, 108 Market street. de 18tf

SWEET WEST INDIA oranges, the best the earth produces, $10.00 per thousand; $1.25 per hundred, at British schooner Blanche, lying at Springer Coal Company's wharves, foot of Chesnut street. J. T. Albury, master. de 17 tf

WANTED—Five good saw mill men ready to go to work the first Monday morning after Christmas, white or colored. The Colarie Lumber Co., Parkersburg, N. C. de 17 1w

FOR SALE under foreclosure of mortgage, complete and modernly equipped pool parlors, tobacco, cold drink and near beer business; best location in Wilmington. Date of sale December 30th, 1909 Kellum & Longhlin, attorneys. de 17 12t

FOR RENT.

From January 1st, 1910, the store in Masonic Temple now occupied by W. R. Kingsbury.

Sealed bids will be received by the Secretary for same to October 1st, 1912 or 1914, and opened at 6 P. M. Monday, December 27th, 1909.

The Board of directors reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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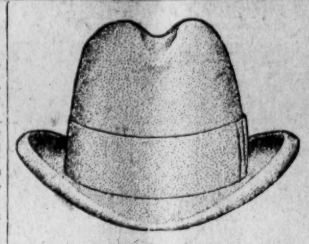
Dec. 22, Wednes, Sun.



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